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**Board of Regents to Begin Search for New President of Pacific**

(April 25, 2008) - The Board of Regents will direct the search for a new President of University of the Pacific, according to Dr. Dianne Philibosian, chair of the University's Board of Regents. The statement followed Donald V. DeRosa's announcement that he would retire from his position as President effective June 30, 2009.

"Don DeRosa has been and continues to be a transformative President for Pacific," said Philibosian. "It will be a challenge to find someone to follow him."

Philibosian, whose term as chair of the board ends in June 2008, has been asked by the incoming board chair, Tom Zuckerman, to lead the search. A search committee will be formed later this spring to launch a national search.

DeRosa, 67, began his tenure as the 23rd President of the three-campus University on July 1, 1995. Over the last thirteen years, he has led the University to dramatic improvements in academic profile, distinctiveness, national visibility, financial strength, facilities and alumni relations. At their meeting this week, the board approved an agreement that will keep DeRosa involved with the University after retirement. As President Emeritus, DeRosa will assist the University to advance strategic initiatives related to the Brubeck Institute, the Powell Fund and development, among other responsibilities.

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