

To the OSU System,

I have informed the OSU Board of Regents that I am one of five finalists for the position of President at the University of New Mexico. My wife, Janet, and I love OSU, consequently, we have put much thought and serious consideration into this matter.

I was approached about this position, which has a strong appeal because the school is the state's flagship research university and because of strong personal ties. Our son and his wife live in New Mexico and we have a second home there.

We are enjoying tremendous success and momentum at OSU. We have accomplished much over the past four-plus years and with the strategic plan and campus master plan we have in place, I am confident and optimistic that there are even greater days ahead.

New Mexico law requires at least a 21-day review period before the position can be filled. As the process goes forward, I will provide more details as appropriate.

Let me assure you, I will continue to work hard to serve the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Oklahoma State University as well as the Regents and the people of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

David Schmidly