Students asked to invest in UA

By Dana Crudo
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Now that Campaign Arizona has reached its $1 billion goal, university officials want students to jump on the fundraising bandwagon.

On Friday UA officials announced that they will establish a Student Foundation to get students to invest in the university.

This announcement came just a few days after President Peter Likins revealed in his state of the university address that Campaign Arizona had reached its fundraising goal of $1 billion almost two years early.

The Student Foundation will be responsible for awarding grants and scholarships and initiating funding projects that help enhance the educational experience here at the UA.

Coordinators are looking for a core group of 10 students to help create and execute the organization next semester. Applicants must be able to commit up to 15 hours per month and maintain a 3.7 GPA.

The foundation is a joint venture among the UA Foundation, the Dean of Students Office and ASUA.

The Student Foundation will be modeled after a similar organization at Georgia Tech.

The Georgia Tech Student Foundation started in 1986 with a $100,000 gift from an alumnus named J. Enkele Love Jr. Students contribute to the endowment that funds new organizations and awards scholarships.

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Jon Gandomi got to spend a year abroad without paying a cent.

Gandomi, who studied in Kazakhstan last year, received funding for his experience from the National Security Education Program.

The NSEP was created by the federal government's National Security Education Act of 1991, to provide resources for scholarships, fellowships and grants. The scholarships are known as the David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships after the congressmen who established the act.

Thanks to the NSSEP scholarship, Gandomi, an international studies major, spent last year learning the Russian language, politics, social infrastructures and transitional economics while staying with a host family in Almati, Kazakhstan.

"It's an area of the world that a lot of people wouldn't think of traveling," he said. "It's a very big deal there and it is a prestigious organization that does a lot of good things to help students financially," said Jim Demek, an ASUA advisor who will also serve as an adviser for the organization.

The UA wanted to start the foundation in order to show Arizona that students care and are willing to contribute, Demek said.

"We've seen the community step up, and now this is an opportunity for students to show interest in their education and institutions," he said.

The foundation will ask students to donate and solicit private donors. The money collected will go to an endowment.

New post will replace eliminated VP position

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Provost George Davis has created a new administrative position in his office.

The new vice provost for instruction will take over some of the responsibilities of the former vice president for undergraduate education, a position eliminated this summer by President Peter Likins.

"Last summer we eliminated the vice president for undergraduate education," Davis said. "We had to find a way to manage those responsibilities."

David Cox has been the senior associate to the provost since the position of vice president of undergraduate education was officially eliminated in September. He temporarily took over the duties that will be transferred to the new vice provost.

In January, Cox will return to his previous position as associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Until then, he said his job is to focus on the immediate future for the university.

"My primary responsibility is to get us ready for the spring semester," Cox said. "My high priority right now is with the departments and colleges to deliver good courses."

The vice provost for instruction will help colleges and students get more support from administration, Davis said.

"Students will feel the availability of classes," he added.

The position was created because the duties of the vice president of undergraduate education could not be absorbed by myself and the other vice provost," Davis said.

"It's a set of responsibilities that could not be absorbed by myself and the other vice provost," Davis said.

The funds that were originally used to pay for the salary of the vice president of undergraduate education will be split by the two vice provosts. Money will also be taken from the provost's budget.

Davis said that the UA has generally had very few provosts in the provost’s office.

"Research universities around the country usually have as many as six vice provosts," Davis said. "We've always been very conservative and only had one. Now we're expanding."