New Eller dean to take over in July
Washington research firm president to make $400,000 plus perks

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After 15 months of searching, the UA announced yesterday they have appointed its new dean of the Eller College of Management, who will take over the position in July.

The new dean, Paul Portney, will replace former Dean Mark Zapan and take over for Kenneth K. Smith, who has served as interim dean for the last year.

Portney is president of Resources for the Future, an independent and non-partisan research and educational organization in Washington, D.C., that specializes in natural resources and the environment.

This summer, Portney will leave the RFF to begin his career at the UA; a move he is excited to make.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity,” Portney said.

Portney has been promised a $400,000 annual salary. Of that, $260,000 will be paid by the university and the rest is to be paid for through private donations from the Eller College National Board of Advisers, a board of 82 executives and business leaders from across the country, some of whom are Eller graduates, said Julie Knell, marketing and communications director for Eller College.

On top of his salary, Portney will also receive a $30,000 housing allowance and a $6,500 automobile allowance, Knell said.

Portney said he wanted to go to a first-rate university with a business school that aspires to make a difference in the world.

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Dorm vacancies don’t necessarily allow for students to switch halls

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Despite the high number of vacant residence hall rooms, students wanting to transfer halls may be in for a longer wait than expected.

Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life and university housing, said all residence hall buildings are affected by vacancies and student transfers to some extent, but said students have an easier time of getting into some buildings than others.

Van Arsdel said Residence Life began 2005 with fewer students living on campus than in years past, which is the reason for vacant or only partially filled rooms. However, Van Arsdel said he was unsure of the exact number of vacant rooms because it is consistently fluctuating.

“It’s a reflection on the number of freshman coming in and when they were admitted to the university,” he said.

Van Arsdel said students leave the halls for various reasons throughout the semester including medical withdrawal, parents being laid off or a student’s academic performance.

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