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**BOARD NAMES INTERIM PRESIDENT AT BOISE STATE**

The Idaho State Board of Education today appointed Dr. Martin Schimpf as interim president of Boise State University.

Schimpf joined the faculty at Boise State in 1990 and has served in various roles, most recently as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, a position he has held since 2010. Prior to that, he was chair of the Chemistry Department and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

“We wanted an interim president who has the trust of the campus community and can maintain Boise State’s momentum,” State Board President Dr. Linda Clark said. “Dr. Schimpf fits that description perfectly. On behalf of the Board, I thank him for delaying his planned return to faculty and assuming this vital role while we look for a new president for Boise State.”

Schimpf holds degrees in chemistry from the University of Washington and the University of Utah.

He takes over as interim president of Boise State on July 1, 2018, replacing Dr. Bob Kustra who is retiring later this month after leading Boise State for 15 years.

Schimpf’s yearly salary while serving as interim president will be \$390,860.

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