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Reaction to Michael Young being named as UW President

U of U head leaving to University of Washington after seven years of Utah leadership

SALT LAKE CITY – The University of Washington has selected University of Utah Michael Young to be its new president, according to a statement released Monday morning.

Young became President at the University of Utah in 2004. Prior to that, he served as dean of the George Washington University Law School, as well as serving for a number of years on the faculty at Columbia University. “This is another testament to the quality of leadership of Utah’s public colleges and universities, and Mike is an excellent choice to lead such a prestigious public institution,” said Commissioner Bill Sederburg. “We very much congratulate President Young, and note that he has set a tremendous standard for whomever is chosen as his replacement.”

During Young’s time as U of U President, the university led the nation in incubating new businesses, expanded international education, had its first Nobel Prize-winning professor, successfully made a bid to join the Pac-12 athletic conference. Chair of the State Board of Regents David Jordan said, “We appreciate President Young’s service and commend the progress that the University of Utah has made under his leadership for the past seven years.” The State Board of Regents will announce an interim president, as well as announce plans for a national search for a new University of Utah president in the near future.

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