Ultimate control of the University is vested in the Arizona Board of Regents, which includes the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Arizona as ex officio members, a student representative, and eight other members appointed by the Governor for terms of eight years each.

The President, as chief executive officer of the University, exercises immediate control of the institution. Serving under the President are the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and the Senior Vice President for Campus Life. Other administrative officers who assist the President include: the vice presidents for research, graduate studies and economic development; university advancement; learning and information technologies; enrollment management; legal affairs; the vice president and senior associate to the president; and vice provosts for academic affairs, academic programs and initiatives, agriculture, and instruction; deans, directors; department heads; and others. These and all other administrators hold office at the pleasure of the President. (See Chapter 5 regarding personnel policies for administrators.)

Appointed personnel also play significant roles in the governance of the University of Arizona. Consult online resources such as:

- Faculty Governance [http://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/]
- Appointed Personnel Advisory Council [http://apac.arizona.edu/]
- Constitution of The General Faculty [https://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/find-policy/faculty-constitution]