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STANFORD - Provost Richard W. Lyman will become acting president of Stanford University on a full-time basis, effective Sept. 1, W. Parmer Fuller III, president of the Stanford Board of Trustees, said late Friday (JUNE 26).

President Kenneth S. Pitzer has submitted his resignation to the Board, effective Aug. 31.

Although no formal procedures have yet been adopted, the trustees plan to institute an immediate search for a permanent successor, Fuller said. Representatives of faculty, students, and alumni will be invited to consult with a trustee committee.

As the University's second ranking academic officer, Lyman has often served as acting president when President Pitzer was absent from campus. In the past year, he has been approached on the presidency of at least two Ivy League institutions.

Fuller said the University is fortunate in having a man of Lyman's academic and administrative ability able and willing to step in under the circumstances.

Under Pitzer, Lyman has served as the University's principal officer for academic budgets. He has frequently answered questions from students on broadcasts over campus radio station KZSU and in appearances before the Student Senate.

In a series of talks with alumni this spring, he warned that loss of public confidence in universities is threatening the very survival of high quality higher education.

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