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UNL Chancellor Stepping Down in 2016

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Longtime University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman plans to step down in 2016 after more than 15 years leading the state's largest campus.

On Wednesday, Perlman announced his plan to leave the chancellor job after the 2015-2016 school year and return to working as a professor in the law college.

The 73-year-old Perlman says he believes the university could benefit from new leadership.

Perlman was appointed chancellor on April 1, 2001 after spending nearly a year as interim chancellor. He'll have one of the longest tenures although former Chancellor Samuel Avery led the university for 19 years starting in 1908.

Perlman oversaw UNL's transition to the Big 10 Conference and the creation of a new research facility just north of campus on the former home of the Nebraska State Fair.

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