Michael M. Crow became the 16th president of Arizona State University on July 1, 2002. He is guiding the transformation of ASU into one of the nation's leading public metropolitan research universities, one that is directly engaged in the economic, social, and cultural vitality of its region. Under his direction the university pursues teaching, research, and creative excellence focused on the major challenges and questions of our time, including those central to the building of a sustainable environment and economy for Arizona. He has committed the university to global engagement and to setting a new standard for public service.

Since Dr. Crow took office, ASU has marked a number of important milestones, including the establishment of major interdisciplinary research initiatives such as the Biodesign Institute, the Global Institute for Sustainability, and MacroTechnology Works, a program integrating science and technology for large-scale applications that includes the Flexible Display Center, a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Army. Under his direction ASU has initiated a dramatic research infrastructure expansion to create more than one million square feet of new research space.

Prior to joining ASU, Dr. Crow was Executive Vice Provost of Columbia University, where he also was Professor of Science and Technology Policy in the School of International and Public Affairs. He played the lead role in the creation of the Columbia Earth Institute (CEI), and helped found the Center for Science, Policy, and Outcomes (CSPO) in Washington, D.C., a think tank dedicated to linking science and technology to desired social, economic, and environmental outcomes. In 2003, CSPO was reestablished at ASU as the Consortium for Science, Policy, and Outcomes.

President Crow is Chair of the Steering Committee for the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. He is on several boards including the ASU Foundation, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, and the Translational Genomics Research Institute. Dr. Crow is also a member of Greater Phoenix Leadership, Council of Foreign Relations, and the Urban Land Institute.