Frequently Asked Questions and Timeline
Regarding the UA Presidential Search

Q: Where are the Regents in the process of selecting a new president for the University of Arizona?

A: The search process is well underway. Subsequent to President Hart’s decision in June that she would not seek a contract extension, Arizona Board of Regents Chair Greg Patterson named Regent Bill Ridenour to be the chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for the next UA president. Regent Ron Shoopman was named vice chair of the committee. The process for determining external membership on the committee is underway.

Q: Will the board engage a search consultant in the process to select a president?

A: The board issued a request for proposals (RFP) for an executive search consultant to identify and recruit qualified candidates for the UA president position. Deadline for submission was August 22, 2016 at 3 p.m. The board received eight proposals, and a list of the responders is available upon request. Eileen Klein, president of the Arizona Board of Regents, will select the search consultant. It is anticipated the announcement of the consultant will be made the week of Sept. 5, 2016.

Q: Who is serving on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and what are the committee’s responsibilities?

A: The role of the committee is to provide advice to the board regarding the presidential search with the board making the final selection of the UA president. The board chair will appoint members to serve on the search committee. Members must possess the time and ability to participate fully on the committee.

It is anticipated the membership of the committee will be announced during the week of Sept. 11, 2016.

Q: How is the search being conducted?

A: In line with the board’s commitment to the continued success of the University of Arizona, the committee will conduct a comprehensive nationwide search for the next UA president. This leader will be one willing to tackle the challenges, bring innovative leadership and vision, and chart new
achievements for the university that align with and support community, regional and statewide goals. The board will develop and publish a detailed position description and identify essential leadership characteristics.

It is anticipated the search guidelines will be voted upon at the board meeting on Sept. 22, 2016.

Q: Where can I find more information about how the search is progressing?
A: Check this website for news and updates that will be shared when new developments occur during the search.

Q: How can I offer my thoughts on the next president of the University of Arizona to the regents?
A: The search website has a form for individuals to submit with their thoughts and comments. As well, the public can utilize the public call to the audience at board meetings to voice their input. A schedule of upcoming board meetings is available here.

Q: Are there going to be any community events held where I can comment about the search publicaly?
A: Comments may be submitted through our website. The board may engage other venues to gather public feedback during the search process. The board will consider all input to inform the selection process.

Q: How long will the process take to select a new president for the University of Arizona?
A: The RFP indicates that the start date for a new president could be as early as summer 2017, but not later than June 2018, the time when President Hart’s current contract expires.

Q: After the new president has been chosen, when will details of his/her contract become available?
A: Contract terms will not be available until after the board takes an official vote on the final candidate, which will take place at a future board meeting.