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ABOR Hears Updates on UA Presidential Search Progress, Next Steps during Special Board Meeting

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – In a special board meeting today, the Arizona Board of Regents announced key dates in the search process for the next president of the University of Arizona. The board also outlined actions taken thus far and detailed next steps as the search progresses.

“It is our intent to conduct this search expeditiously and deliberately in order to find the right leader for the University of Arizona,” said Regent Bill Ridenour, chair of the board’s Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

ABOR Chair Greg Patterson is in the process of selecting committee members who will assist the board regarding the presidential search. The board will make the final selection of the UA president. Committee members will be expected to dedicate substantial time and resources to the search process as they aid in vetting prospects for the position. Members will represent a broad spectrum, including UA faculty, students, staff, alumni and community and business leaders. It is anticipated the committee members will be announced during the week of September 11. The board will interview candidates that emerge from the process.

Over the past several weeks, Regents Ridenour and Ron Shoopman, vice chair of the search committee, have reached out to several individuals inside and outside of the university who are committed to the UA and its continued success. This includes senior leadership, faculty representatives, deans, alumni and others who are affiliated with the university.

“We are committed to an open and purposeful search process,” Ridenour said. “We are seeking input on the next president’s leadership characteristics as well as their satisfaction with the university now and how they envision the UA’s future.”

In addition, input will be sought from varied constituencies including policy makers, community leaders, faculty, staff, alumni, business leaders and others to collect their thoughts during the process. The board is discussing key characteristics that must define the next leader of the university. Leadership characteristics are expected to be developed by the September board meeting and will be published on the board’s website, used in recruitment collateral and guide recruiting and vetting for the position.

A search consultant will be hired as part of the process and is anticipated to be announced the week of Sept. 5. Search guidelines that dictate the parameters of how the search will be conducted will be published with board materials on Sept. 13 and the board will be asked to review and adopt the guidelines at its September 22 meeting. Members of the public may view guidelines when September board materials are posted on the board’s [website](#). Input from the public is also sought through the

Arizona Board of Regents [website](#) in a section dedicated to detailing the UA presidential search progress.

“Our process in choosing the next president of the University of Arizona follows a deliberate path that is both dedicated to finding the best possible leader for the university and conducting a search that takes into account the thoughts and concerns of the many people who hold the university and the success of its students close to their hearts. We encourage input from individuals and are committed to sharing regular updates to keep the public informed as we progress in the search,” said Eileen Klein, Arizona Board of Regents president.

ABOR Chair Greg Patterson said that the board is not conducting a rushed search and that this would be a comprehensive process. Patterson said that he anticipates a new president will be selected and in place by next summer.

UA Presidential Search Timeline – Key Dates

Request for proposal deadline	Aug. 22, 3 p.m.
Search consultant hired	Week of Sept. 5
Search Advisory Committee members selected, announced	Week of Sept. 11
Search guidelines approved (will be published in board materials Sept. 13)	Sept. 22
Leadership profile published	Week of Sept. 22