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## Arizona Board of Regents Outlines Key Topics for Comprehensive Business Plan Reports on UA Colleges of Medicine

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – In line with its commitment to the continued excellence and future success of the University of Arizona Colleges of Medicine, the Arizona Board of Regents has provided UA President Ann Weaver Hart with a [schedule of key reports](#) to be included as part of a comprehensive business plan to guide the future operation of the UA Colleges of Medicine.

At a special board meeting on Oct. 26, the board [approved a motion](#) to direct President Hart to work with her leadership to provide coordinated business plans to the board that address the unique role, mission and purpose of each college, operational and organizational plans and more.

“The board is committed to our mission in academic medicine, the continued support of the University of Arizona Colleges of Medicine and to the role that these institutions play in educating future physicians, conducting medical research and serving communities in our state, as well as our unique clinical affiliation with Banner” said ABOR Chair Greg Patterson. “It’s incumbent upon our board and it is our responsibility as the fiduciary of the state’s public universities to ensure these schools of medicine are positioned for long-term success.”

UA will provide plans for long-term growth and success in medical education, plans to augment research, operational and organizational plans, and financial plans to the [ABOR Business and Finance Committee](#). The university will provide updates on education and research plans, updates on the climate and organization at the colleges and University of Arizona Health Sciences centers, and changes in the organizational design of the colleges and health centers to the [Health Affairs Committee](#).

In addition, the UA will provide personnel reports including leadership vacancies and changes as well as recruitment plans to the [Regents Executive Committee](#). During UA’s annual [Operational and Financial Review](#), the university will provide updates on health sciences and the colleges of medicine. A schedule outlines when each item is due starting in March of 2017 and continuing until November of next year. In his letter, Chair Patterson also affirms the board’s commitment to transparency and working with the university as Dr. Hart reviews organizational and leadership roles for UA Health Sciences after Dr. Joe “Skip” Garcia [resigned his position](#) as senior vice president to focus on scholarship. Dr. Leigh Neumayer has since been appointed interim senior vice president.

The board convened a [special board meeting](#) and two meetings of the Health Affairs [Committee](#) earlier this year to address the colleges and advancing medical education in Arizona.