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ABOR Schedules Special Board Meeting to Discuss Next Steps in UA Presidential Search

TEMPE, Ariz. (Feb. 22, 2017) – The Arizona Board of Regents will hold a [special board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 28](#) to discuss University of Arizona presidential prospects and take possible action in the search process, which may include inviting individuals for interviews with the board.

“We are conducting an open, inclusive and transparent search and are on track to announce a new president in the spring,” said Arizona Board of Regents Chair Greg Patterson. “This committee is sincerely dedicated to the growth and sustainability of the University of Arizona and to the success of its students. I commend the members for their outstanding work and for the broad and diverse opinions, values, concerns and interests they have brought forth in this process.”

Per the board’s [search guidelines](#) approved last September, when prospects are invited by the board to become candidates and interview for the position, and when these individuals consent to move forward as candidates, the candidates will be advised that their names and curriculum vitae or resumes are subject to disclosure under Arizona public records laws.

“The University of Arizona is a premier public research university, ranked among the best in the world, and we are proud to have attracted outstanding prospects to this search process,” said Regent Bill Ridenour, University of Arizona Presidential Search Committee chair.

Prior to identifying the next president, the board may invite one or more candidates to campus for meetings with various campus and external constituencies.

The UA Presidential Search Advisory Committee includes representatives from ABOR; UA administration, faculty, student and alumni leadership; Arizona community colleges; community and business leadership; Native American tribal government leadership and more. Per the guidelines, these committee members vet potential prospects for the position and dedicate themselves to the success of the search process.

President Ann Weaver Hart announced her intention not to seek an extension for her contract as president of the University of Arizona in June of last year. More information about the presidential search, including the search guidelines and answers to frequently asked questions, [is available here](#).

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Members of the media: It is anticipated the public portions of this meeting will be livestreamed. Availability of livestreams are [here](#).