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Statement from ABOR Chair Bill Ridenour Regarding UA Men's Basketball

"The Arizona Board of Regents met today to receive further legal advice regarding University of Arizona men's basketball and the multi-year employment contract for head coach Sean Miller.

While intense media interest in this issue has prompted much speculation, ABOR and the UA must act in a deliberative manner rooted in facts rather than conjecture. We owe this to the students, faculty, alumni and Arizona taxpayers we serve.

President Robbins fully briefed the board today on his investigation, concerns and findings regarding men's basketball. Shortly, he will share with you his <u>decision regarding Coach Miller</u>. I fully support his decision and I am confident he has been thorough in his assessment of this situation. I also appreciate Coach Miller's forthright <u>statement</u> to the press today.

As the governing body of Arizona's public universities, ABOR is committed to doing everything possible to uphold the integrity of the institutions we oversee. This pledge extends to collegiate athletic programs, which must adhere to the high standards established by each university. Basketball is a beloved sport at the University of Arizona and throughout Arizona. The integrity of our institutions cannot be compromised.

As a Wildcat, the excellence of the University of Arizona, our student athletes and the success of future generations of students is deeply important to me. The board will remain in close contact with Dr. Robbins as this process continues."