

Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff

TO MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

ACTION ITEM

For Meeting of September 13, 2017

APPOINTMENT OF REGENT AS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GOVERNOR AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL SECURITY, LLC AND LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL SECURITY, LLC

RECOMMENDATION

The Chair of the Board and the President of the University recommend that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Regents that:

1. The appointment of Ellen Tauscher as an Executive Committee Governor of the Boards of Governors of the Los Alamos National Security, LLC and Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, effective February 16, 2018, replacing Norman Pattiz, be approved.
2. The appointment of Ellen Tauscher as Chair of the Boards of Governors of the Los Alamos National Security, LLC and Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, effective February 16, 2018, replacing Norman Pattiz, be approved.
3. They endorse the President's and Chair's designation of Regent Tauscher as the primary liaison for the Regents regarding the contract competition for management of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

BACKGROUND

Since June 1, 2006, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has been under the management of Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), and since October 1, 2007, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) has been under the management of Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS).

Each of these limited liability companies is governed by a Board of Governors that is charged with oversight and governance of the LLC. Each Board of Governors includes a six-person Executive Committee that is the decision-making body of the Board. Each Executive Committee consists of three individuals appointed by the University and three individuals appointed by Bechtel.

As the University embarks on preparing to respond to a Request for Proposal for continued management of Los Alamos National Laboratory, it is important to identify and confirm the leadership team, including key Regents. This item proposes to appoint Regent Tauscher as a member of the Board of Governors of both LLCs and as Chair of the Board of Governors to assure the University's partners that the University's leadership will be knowledgeable and experienced in matters pertaining to management of the National Laboratories.

In 2006 the Regents approved a policy setting forth a procedure for appointment of individuals to the three UC positions on the LANS Executive Committee, and amended the policy in 2007 to also apply to the Executive Committee of LLNS.

In consultation with Chairman of the LANS and LLNS Boards of Governors Regent Pattiz and Vice President for the National Laboratories Budil, Chair Kieffer and President Napolitano recommend approval of the appointment of Regent Tauscher, for an indefinite term effective on February 16, 2018, as an Executive Committee Governor and Chair of the LANS and LLNS Boards of Governors, replacing Regent Pattiz.

Regent Tauscher served as Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs at the U.S. Department of State from 2009 to 2012 and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1997 to 2009. She chaired the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the Armed Service Committee, which oversees the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile and the National Laboratories. She has served as an Independent Governor of the Boards of Governors of LLNS and LANS. She currently chairs the California Governor's Military Council. Since August 1, 2017, Regent Tauscher has been representing the Regents in the University's planning for the contract competition for management of LANL.

Consistent with Regents Policy 4201, Regent Tauscher will be indemnified for her service as Chair of the Boards of Governors because her service as Chair is within the scope of her duties as a Regent.