STANDING COMMITTEES

Governance Committee

UW Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee Membership Appointments

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Governance Committee of the Board of Regents to make the following appointments to the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee:

- Regent Herb Simon (Chair) 10/1/14 to 9/30/17
- Regent Joanne Harrell 10/1/14 to 9/30/17
- Mike Egan 10/1/14 to 9/30/17
- Jerry Grinstein 10/1/14 to 9/30/17
- Rob McKenna 10/1/14 to 9/30/17

BACKGROUND

The University of Washington Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee was established in January 2014 as an advisory committee to the Board of Regents, or its appropriate standing committee, and the University President, or his or her designee, on matters relating to the University's relationship to federal, state, and local governments and agencies. Members will be asked to make a minimum commitment of three consecutive years, and will serve at the pleasure of the Board.

As noted in the *Board of Regents Governance*, Standing Orders, Chapter 4, Section 4, the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee will consist of no more than eight members to be appointed by the Board. (Four prospective members are herewith submitted for appointment.) The Chair, Vice Chair, and members are to be recommended by the Governance Committee and approved by the Board after consultation with the President of the University and his or her designee(s). The Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee is comprised of both Regent and non-Regent members. Two of the prospective members are selected from the Board. The remaining prospective members are experienced professionals of varying backgrounds. The bios of the prospective members are attached.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The recommended action has been reviewed and approved by the Chair of the Board of Regents, members of the Governance Committee of the Board of Regents, and the President of the University.

*Attachments*

*Board of Regents Governance*, Standing Orders, Chapter 4, Advisory Committees of the Board of Regents; Section 4. Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee Prospective Member Bios
Advisory Committees of the Board of Regents

Advisory committees may be established by the Board of Regents on the recommendation of the Governance Committee of the Board to provide the University with expert advice on such subjects as the Board may specify, in accordance with Article IV, Section 5 of the Board's Bylaws.

Members of all Board-created advisory committees serve at the pleasure of the Board and include appointments made by the Board for specified periods of time according to the organizational documents approved or authorized by the Board.

4. Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee

A. Establishment of the Committee

The Board of Regents of the University of Washington is vested by statute with responsibility for the governance of the University. The Board hereby establishes a Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee, with the following Statement of Principles.

B. Statement of Principles

1) Membership and Terms

The Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee shall consist of no more than eight members to be appointed by the Board. The Chair, Vice Chair, and members shall be recommended by the Governance Committee and approved by the Board after consultation with the President of the University and his or her designee(s).

One or two of the appointed members shall be selected from the Board. The remaining appointed members shall be experienced professionals with relevant backgrounds.

There shall be a three-year term limitation for regent and non-regent members, renewable by the Board. Members will be asked to make a minimum commitment of three consecutive years, and shall serve at the
pleasure of the Board.

2) **Functions**

The Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee shall advise the Board or its appropriate standing committee and the University President, or his or her designee, on matters relating to the University's relationship to federal, state, and local governments and agencies.

3) **Meetings**

The Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee shall establish a regular meeting schedule. Other meetings may be called by the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee at any time. The Chair may invite experts who are not members of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee to attend specific meetings to provide additional guidance, advice, and information.

4) **Indemnification and Compensation**

The University shall indemnify members of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Standing Orders, and Regent Policies of the Board. Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee members will not be paid for service on the committee.

5) **Conflict of Interest**

Regental members of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee are governed by conflict of interest rules applicable to regents. Non-regent members shall comply with the following conflict of interest provisions:

a) When a member of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee knows that the University is considering a transaction in which he or she has or may have a beneficial interest, the member shall (1) alert the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee of his or her potential beneficial interest, and (2) not participate in the formulation or rendering of advice with respect to the transaction.

b) Committee members shall not participate in the formulation or rendering of advice by the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee where their participation could be influenced by financial or other considerations that would conflict or could reasonably appear to conflict with their obligations to only consider the best interest of the University. Where a
member is uncertain about the application of this rule to particular circumstances, he or she should consult the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee, who may seek the advice of the Attorney General's Office as appropriate.

c) Committee members may engage in transactions with the University if the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee and the University President (who may consult with the Attorney General's Office as he or she deems appropriate) determine that the member has not participated in the formulation or rendering of advice by the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee to the University regarding the transaction.

6) **Chair and Vice Chair; Administrative Support**

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee shall be recommended by the Governance Committee and approved by the Board. During the absence of the Chair or while he or she is unable to act, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair. The University President shall ensure that the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee has appropriate administrative support services, including secretarial assistance and record keeping.

7) **Communication**

The Chair of the Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee shall provide quarterly reports to the Board or its designated standing committee.

8) **Amendments**

Amendments to this Statement of Principles shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee

Mike Egan

Mike Egan is director of corporate affairs for the Microsoft Corporation, where he manages government, political, and community outreach for the company. He previously served as an aide in Washington D.C. – to U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks from 1990 to 1992 and to U.S. Senator Patty Murray from 1995 to 1999.

Mike served as ASUW President in 1990 and is a board member of the UW Foundation. Mike is the Past President of the UW Alumni Association, where he served as the 2013-2014 President. He graduated from UW with a degree in political science in 1990.

Gerald Grinstein

Gerald Grinstein is a former chair of the UW Board of Regents and a current member of the UW Medicine Board. He retired as non-executive chair of Agilent Technologies and currently is a principal of the Madrona Investment Group and a member of the boards of directors for several corporations, including PACCAR, Inc.; Delta Air Lines; Vans, Inc., and the Pittston Company. He has served as chair and CEO of Western Airlines and Burlington Northern, and is a former partner in the firm of Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman. He was also chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and administrative aide to the late U.S. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson.

Grinstein is co-chair of the UW Campaign for Washington and active in community organizations, serving on the boards of the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Foundation and Long Live the Kings. He earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University and his law degree from Harvard University.

Joanne R. Harrell

Joanne Harrell is the Senior Director for U.S. Citizenship and Public Affairs, at Microsoft, where she has worked since 2001. Ms. Harrell’s pre-Microsoft work history is extensive and encompasses executive-level operational and strategy roles within the high-tech, telecommunications and non-profit sectors. Past positions include Senior Vice President, InfoSpace; President and CEO, United Way of King County; and Vice President and CEO, US WEST Inc., (now CenturyLink).

Joanne has received awards for excellence in Marketing and Brand Management programs. She is a Conference Board/Brookings Institution Congressional Fellow and has attended marketing management programs at Columbia University and Stanford University. Joanne has also completed Stanford’s Advanced Management College and a non-profit management program at Harvard Business School. Joanne’s BA and MBA are from the University of Washington. Ms. Harrell is a former member of the Board of Directors of AAA of Washington and REI. She is on the Board of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) and a member of the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Program Council. She is also a member of the Washington State Women’s Forum and a 2009 Inductee to the University of Washington School of Communication “Hall of Fame” where she was selected as the school’s 2013 Distinguished Alumna.
**Rob McKenna**

Mr. McKenna served two terms as the Attorney General of Washington, from January 2005 to January 2013. He is currently a Partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, and serves as co-head of the firm’s Public Policy Group.

Prior to serving as Washington Attorney General, Mr. McKenna served on the Metropolitan King County Council and was an attorney at Perkins Coie in Bellevue. He has held numerous community leadership positions with public school and college foundations, domestic violence prevention organizations, and leadership development groups.

A Distinguished Eagle Scout himself, Mr. McKenna is also an executive board member with the Chief Seattle Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and a member of Bellevue Rotary.

Rob graduated from the University of Washington in 1985 with a BA in Economics, and served as the 1984-85 ASUW President. He holds a JD from the University of Chicago Law School.

**Herb Simon**

Upon graduation from the University of Washington, Herb Simon joined the family recycling business, Joseph Simon & Sons, and was Secretary/Treasurer until August of 1985. His emphasis was creating international trade with Japan, Taiwan and Korea. During his time in the recycling industry, he was the West Coast Legislative Chairman for National Association of Recycling and the Legislative Chairman for the Institute of Iron & Steel.

Upon selling his interest in Joseph Simon and Sons he began his career of acquiring and building office and commercial buildings resulting in the formation of Simon Johnson, LLC with partner, Ted Johnson.

Aside from serving on the Board of Regents and the Board of Puget Sound Energy, Herb Simon has served on several civic and non-profit boards, including Pierce County Economic Development, Executive Council for a Greater Tacoma, Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Franciscan Foundation.