ROBERT C. DYNES  
PRESIDENT  

RE: Academic Council Request for Inclusion of Academic Senate Members on Standing Committees of the Los Alamos National Security (LANS) LLC Board of Governors, and the Proposed Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS) LLC Board of Governors

Dear Bob,

The Academic Council at its July 26, 2006 meeting held a lengthy discussion regarding the role of the Academic Senate in the future of LANS LLC and the proposed LLNS LLC. In the interest of shared governance and with ultimate concern for the scientific and technical excellence expected of the University of California’s involvement with the national laboratories, the Academic Council respectfully requests of you the following: (1) take all possible steps to secure the appointment of Academic Senate members (nominated and selected by the Academic Council) to each of the six standing committees of the LANS LLC Board of Governors; and (2) direct University of California negotiators of the proposed LLNS LLC contract specifically to require Academic Senate membership on each of the six standing committees of the proposed LLNS LLC Board of Governors.

Significant and meaningful Academic Senate participation with laboratory management in the manner outlined above is crucial to the University of California’s academic mission and should be considered a welcome addition by the University of California’s industrial partners. On behalf of the Academic Council, I ask for your consideration of and action on these requests as soon as possible due to impending Regental action on a possible LLNS LLC bid for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory contract in the fall.

Sincerely yours,

John Oakley, Chair  
Academic Council

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María Bertero-Barceló, Academic Senate Executive Director