

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of an Administrative Appointment

NAME: Martha E. Pollack, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Vice Provost for Academic and Budgetary Affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Information, with tenure, School of Information

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Information, with tenure, School of Information

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 6, 2013 through June 30, 2015

It is a pleasure to recommend the appointment of Martha E. Pollack as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective May 6, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

As the chief academic and budgetary officer, Vice Provost Pollack will provide leadership to support the university's scholarly enterprise and the planning and implementation of its academic programs during this transition period. She will collaborate with the president in setting overall academic priorities for the University and will allocate funds to carry forward these priorities. In addition, she will continue to hold the title of professor of information, School of Information and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, College of Engineering.

Vice Provost Pollack has been a member of the UM faculty since joining the College of Engineering in 2000. She was appointed as vice provost for academic and budgetary affairs in July 2010, and served as the provost's senior staff member in setting budgetary policy and allocating resources while working with the deans and directors on areas including budget planning and management, development and support of academic programs and initiatives, and leading strategic assessments of schools, colleges and other units reporting to the provost. Prior to her appointment as vice provost, Vice Provost Pollack served as the university's dean of the School of Information from 2007-10, and was an associate chair for computer science and engineering from 2004-07.

Vice Provost Pollack received her A.B. degree from Dartmouth College in 1979, and M.S.E. and Ph.D. degrees in computer and information science from the University of Pennsylvania (1984 and 1986, respectively).


Prior to coming to the University of Michigan, Vice Provost Pollack was a member of the technical staff at SRI International. She was a senior researcher at the Center for the Study of Language and information, and computer scientist at the Artificial Intelligence Center from 1985 to 1991. From 1991-92, Vice Provost Pollack was the senior computer scientist at the Artificial Intelligence Center. At University of Pittsburgh, Vice Provost Pollack was an associate professor of computer science and intelligent systems from 1991-94; a fellow at the Center for the Philosophy of Science from 1993 to 2000; an associate professor, with tenure, in Computer Science and Intelligent Systems from 1994-98; director of the Intelligent Systems Program from 1998 to 2000; and professor of computer science and intelligent systems from 1999 to 2000.

As a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), Vice Provost Pollack's research has been in the area of artificial intelligence where she has published widely on topics including automated planning, natural-language processing, temporal reasoning, and constraint satisfaction. A particular focus of her work has been the design of intelligent technology to assist people with cognitive impairment, a topic on which she testified before the United States Senate Subcommittee on Aging. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, Intel, DARPA, and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

Vice Provost Pollack has received numerous awards for her research and has been honored for her professional service, including the Sarah Power Goddard Award in recognition for her efforts to increase the representation of and climate of women and underrepresented minorities in science and engineering. She has served as the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, as president of AAAI, as a member of the Advisory Committee for the National Science Foundation's Computer and Information Science and Engineering Division, and a member of the board of directors of the Computing Research Associate, where she currently is secretary.

Vice Provost Pollack's appointment as provost recognizes her experience and strengths as a leader, teacher, administrator and scholar. It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend the appointment of Martha E. Pollack as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective May 6, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Sue Coleman
President

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