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Arizona Board of Regents Appoints New Associate VP of Government Affairs

(Phoenix, AZ) – The Arizona Board of Regents today announced that Beth Lewallen will join the organization as associate vice president of government affairs. In her role, she will work to advance the budget, legislative and policy priorities of the Board with local, state and federal government.

Lewallen brings an extensive background in government affairs, previously serving as policy advisor to the Arizona State Senate and most recently as the legislative liaison for Maricopa County where she advised the elected supervisors on constituent services, research and legislative priorities, and represented the county's interests at the state and regional level in a lobbying capacity.

"Beth is a highly-respected professional among policymakers at all levels of government in Arizona and her wealth of experience will make her a key addition to the ABOR team," said ABOR President Eileen Klein. "Her work to advance the priorities of the Board will help us achieve our 2020 goals and strengthen our universities to better serve students, business and the state."

"This is an exciting time to join the Arizona Board of Regents," said Lewallen. "I look forward to working to advance the university system's strategic goals that will help more Arizonans earn degrees and support a growing, vibrant economy and a high quality of life for Arizonans."

Beth received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Arizona State University and a Master of Arts in professional studies, political management from George Washington University. She is also a graduate of Yavapai Community College.

Lewallen begins her position with the Board on Monday, Oct. 28.

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