

ACTION ITEM #2

Delegation of Authority to Execute Agreements Related to Establishment of an International Student Center (Asif Chaudhry)

January 27, 2017

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Establishment of an International Student Center at WSU

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents delegate authority to the President or designee to execute and implement agreements, including but not limited to service agreements and lease agreements, between Washington State University, IUP 2 LLP, and/or INTO Washington State University related to the establishment of the proposed international student center.

SUBMITTED BY: Asif Chaudhry, Vice President, International Programs

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: WSU, IUP 2 LLP, and INTO Washington State University are in the final stages of negotiating a services agreement outlining the parties' obligations relating to a major strategic initiative at Washington State University to enhance international diversity and to further prepare our students to be able to successfully navigate global challenges when they graduate.

Subject to Regents' approval, the agreement would establish an international center at WSU. It includes the following significant provisions:

- WSU would have access to a vast network of international offices and staff to recruit students for direct admission to degree programs at WSU.
- The parties would create a pathway program whereby international students who meet specified admission criteria (established in consultation with WSU faculty) and who need additional language instruction will be admitted to WSU as non-degree seeking students until they meet the requirements to matriculate to degree seeking status.

- The pathway program would be called “INTO Washington State University” and would be a joint venture owned by INTO and Cougar Property Holdings, with WSU participation on the board of directors.
- The pathway program would be housed in WSU’s Krugel Hall, which presently houses the Intensive American Language Center (IALC).
- WSU would lease all facilities for the pathway program to INTO Washington State University at fair market value. The parties would enter into a lease agreement with an initial 15-year term, consistent with the services agreement.
- WSU would retain sole responsibility over academic matters and admission decisions.
- The basic financial structure of the agreement is as follows:
 - Fees to participate in the pathway program will be set by the board of directors for the joint venture, assessed and collected from pathway students by the joint venture.
 - The joint venture will reimburse WSU for cost of services provided to pathway students, such as: academic instruction, housing, dining, student activities, and facility use (facility lease).
 - The pathway program is to be a self sustaining program. Revenue generated in excess of expense, if any, will be distributed to joint venture partners.
 - Students successfully completing the pathway requirements will matriculate to WSU as a degree-seeking students, and will be assessed standard tuition and fees like all international students at WSU.

A successful implementation of this collaboration is expected to bring WSU to par its peer institutions, with the goal of increasing the percentage of international students from the current seven (7) percent to almost 18 percent over the next 10 years. The program is designed to bring additional international students without displacing domestic students. The program is also in alignment with the University Strategic Plan and the Drive to 25 Initiative.

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Resolution #170127-546

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.30.095, RCW 28B.30.100, and RCW 28B.30.150 vest the governance and management of Washington State University (WSU) in the Board of Regents of WSU;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents is authorized by RCW 28B.10.528 to delegate to the President of WSU or designee powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board of Regents by law and to enable the President or designee to act on behalf of the Board of Regents in matters relating to the administration and governance of WSU;

WHEREAS, the President has been delegated authority to act in matters relating to the general business and financial affairs of WSU;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby delegates authority to the President or designee to execute and implement agreements, including but not limited to service agreements and lease agreements, between Washington State University, IUP 2 LLP, and/or INTO Washington State University related to the establishment of the proposed international student center.

DATED this 27th day of January, 2017.

Chair, Board of Regents

Vice Chair, Board of Regents