

ACTION ITEM #2

Board of Regents Policy on Delegation of Authority (Lura Powell)

March 24, 2017

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to the President

SUBMITTED BY: Lura Powell, Chair, Board of Regents

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approves Resolution #170324-548 delegating authority to the President, or designee authority to grant degrees.

**SUPPORTING
INFORMATION:**

The Board of Regents is authorized by RCW 28B.10.528 to delegate to the President of the University or designee, powers and duties vested and imposed upon the Board 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 the University.

During the April 2, 1999 Board of Regents meeting it was proposed that effective Spring Semester, 1999, the WSU Board of Regents delegate authority to the President, or designee, authority to grant degrees.

Supporting information for the proposed delegation of authority sited the posting of degrees took place after approval by the Board of Regents resulting in delays causing graduates a variety of problems in terms of verification of degree completion. It also stated that the degree posting process could occur more quickly if authority to grant degrees was delegated to the President or his designee and would enhance service to students whose prospective employers require an official transcript before full consideration for employment or for those who are under consideration for graduate school admission.

On April 2, 1999 the Board of Regents delegated to the President or their designee authority to grant degrees. See attached April 2, 1999 Board of Regents Meeting Minutes. This delegation was

approved by motion. Per the above noted RCW 28B.10.528 the delegation of authority was required to be adopted by resolution.

ATTACHMENT: Attachment A: April 2, 1999 Board of Regents Meeting Minutes

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Delegation of Authority to Grant Degrees and Act in Matters Related to Academic Affairs Resolution #170324-548

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 designees powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board of Regents by law and to enable the President or designees to act on behalf of the Board of Regents in matters relating to the administration and governance of WSU;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents finds it necessary, desirable, and expedient to delegate authority to the President of WSU and designees to act for the Board of Regents in matters pertaining to the academic affairs of WSU, including the granting of degrees; and

WHEREAS, prior delegations of authority in these areas exist; therefore, the authority in the proposed resolution is expressly in addition to, and not a limitation of, authority previously delegated to the President or designees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby delegates authority, and ratifies and continues prior delegations of authority, to the President or designees to grant degrees and to act in all matters related to academic affairs of the University, other than those specifically reserved by the Regents by law, University policy, or otherwise.

DATED this 24th day of March, 2017.

Chair, Board of Regents

Vice Chair, Board of Regents