ACTION ITEM #2
WSU Tri-Cities, Academic Building
Design Approval and Pre-Construction
(Stacy Pearson/Sandra Haynes)

November 16, 2018

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Tri-Cities, Academic Building Design and Pre-Construction

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents authorize the Academic Building to
proceed to design and pre-construction using the Design-Build (DB)
process pursuant to RCW 39.10, and further delegate authority to
the President or his designee to select a Design-Build contractor and
enter into any and all contracts necessary to commence the design
and pre-construction for the project, with costs not to exceed the
budgeted amount of $3,000,000.

SUBMITTED BY: Stacy Pearson, Vice President for Finance and Administration

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Academic Building will facilitate future growth in STEM-focused
high demand bachelor’s degrees in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering,
Computer Science, and in Education with STEM content area
endorsements, providing dedicated space for introductory and
preparatory STEM coursework. The new building will allow
expansion of new degree offerings in other disciplines as existing
classroom space becomes available.

A major focus will be on interdisciplinary programming and
enhanced collaborations between the campus and adjacent research
facilities within the Tri-Cities Research District, including those at the
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). The campus is poised
to offer the hands-on educational experiences that will lead to career
opportunities in these areas and others provided by STEM-focused
Hanford contractors and many others. The existing laboratory space
for teaching and training is not adequate, nor does it meet current
standards for state-of-the-art instruction in the life and physical
sciences. The potential benefit of the new academic building is great:
WSU providing interns and graduates in STEM majors to the above
scientific entities, and throughout our state, helping to meet the STEM industries’ recruiting needs. The Academic Building will be located across from the BSEL building, adjacent to the CIC building.

The University received $400,000 for pre-design in 2015-17 and $3,000,000 for the design and pre-construction in the 2017-19 state capital budgets. The University plans to request construction funding the 2019-21 State capital request.

Aerial Site Map
Resolution #181116-589

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Washington State University by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528 has authority to delegate by resolution to the President of the University, or designee, powers and duties vested in or 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.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents authorize the Academic Building to proceed to design and pre-construction using the Design-Build (DB) process pursuant to RCW 39.10, and further delegate authority to the President or his designee to select a Design-Build contractor and enter into any and all contracts necessary to commence the design and pre-construction for the project, with costs not to exceed the budgeted amount of $3,000,000.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2018

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Chair, Board of Regents

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Secretary, Board of Regents