

MINUTES
Board of Regents
May 8, 2015

The Board of Regents of Washington State University (WSU) met pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2015, at WSU Pullman in the Compton Union Building, Rooms 204 and 208, Pullman, Washington.

Present: Regent Michael Worthy, Chair; Regents Don Barbieri, Scott Carson, Harold Cochran, T. Ryan Durkan, Kevin Massimino, Lura Powell, Ron Sims; President Elson S. Floyd and Provost and Executive Vice President Daniel Bernardo. Regent Laura Jennings attended via telephone conference.

1. Report from the Chair of the Board of Regents. Board Chair Michael Worthy welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that the Regents were very excited about the activities surrounding the meeting, particularly graduation where Regent Carson would be giving the keynote address Friday for graduates of the Honors College. Chair Worthy also thanked members of the Board for their support and advocacy throughout the past year. He said the past year has been a huge year for WSU and there will certainly be plenty of reasons to celebrate. Chair Worthy reminded the audience that the Board provides a public comment period at the conclusion of its meeting and directed those who might be interested to the Board's executive assistant.

2. Report from the President of the University. President Elson S. Floyd began his report by reminding the audience that the May meeting is always an exciting time as the Board is able to reflect on all of the accomplishments at WSU over the past academic year. He said WSU has had an amazing group of University officials and stakeholders who are deeply committed. President Floyd said the engagement and participation from students, faculty, alumni and community members in the life and vitality of the University has been remarkable. President Floyd commended them for their work and thanked them for their leadership. President Floyd said WSU tries to work as closely as possible with its various constituency groups and will continue to work mightily in that regard, both now and into the future.

President Floyd provided the following updates:

- Transition of admissions and recruitment functions to the Office of the Provost. President Floyd reported WSU continues to be on target relative to enrollment. He said WSU anticipates an entering freshman class of approximately 4,000 students. President Floyd reported growth occurring with transfer students and international students, and WSU's diversity efforts are continuing to be on task. President Floyd said our admissions profile going into the academic year is well balanced and consistent with where WSU wanted to be as an institution.

- Approval of the WSU School of Medicine. President Floyd said he was pleased to report the final approval and authorization of the WSU School of Medicine. President Floyd said it will indeed make a significant difference in the lives of Washingtonians. President Floyd reported that the School of Medicine will be located in Spokane on the WSU developing health sciences campus.
- Successful completion of \$1 billion campaign. President Floyd reported the WSU campaign is reaching its conclusion and culmination and thanked Regent Carson for serving as chair. President Floyd said it was a very ambitious endeavor; in the fall there will be numerous celebrations commemorating the campaign; and the impact will truly be transformative.
- Economic Impact for the State. President Floyd reported WSU has documented \$3.4 billion in economic impact for the state of Washington in terms of WSU's contribution to the life, vitality and growth economically. He thanked and commend Dr. Anson Fatland and Dr. John Gardner for their work and activities with the Economic Impact Study.
- WSU Milestones. President Floyd reported to the Board that WSU had recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of its urban campuses and the 125th anniversary of WSU as an institution. He said it has been a great year and thanked the faculty, staff, students, senior staff and every member of the Board for their dedication and all that they do for WSU.
- Energy Summit. President Floyd reported WSU held its inaugural energy summit in April which focused on one of the most challenging obstacles to incorporating renewable energy into the power grid storage. He noted the summit featured comments from an all-star cast, including: Governor Jay Inslee; U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell; U.S. Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers; and Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Reliability Pat Hoffman. President Floyd reported it was a huge success.
- Innovators Series. President Floyd reported the Innovators series continues to receive huge accolades. He said Dr. Joe Harding, professor of Physiology and Neuroscience, was the featured speaker recently. President Floyd reported that Dr. Harding presented to a sold out crowd of more than 200 community and business leaders in Seattle. President Floyd thanked Vice President Chris Keane for his work in organizing the activity.
- Continued Growth. President Floyd reported that there will be continued growth and activity throughout the University and highlighted two areas of particular note. He said in Spokane, WSU continues to build its School of Medicine and wants to continue to build capacity, especially in the arena of

public health. President Floyd said WSU has been in contact with a group of researchers who are currently located at the University of Washington in Seattle who are desirous of coming to WSU Spokane to continue their research and work in the context of public health, particularly for communities of color. He said this group of researchers work very closely with Native American and Hispanic communities and WSU will serve as an incredible laboratory to continue their work and engagement. President Floyd commented there is a lot of enthusiasm about synergizes that will be created between the researchers' current work as well as the new opportunities that will redound to our collective benefit when they make the final decision to relocate to Spokane. President Floyd also reported WSU is in the final stages of creating a satellite program at Northwest Pacific University in Yakima focused on Pharmacy that will allow a continuing pharmaceutical impact associated with a center of excellence for WSU.

President Floyd reported WSU has also begun early and preliminary conversations with Bellevue College regarding a new relationship with WSU. He said Bellevue College is the largest and fastest growing two-year institution in the community college system of Washington. President Floyd reported Bellevue College is desirous of strengthening its relationship with WSU, allowing for more baccalaureate programs to be offered on the Bellevue campus. President Floyd reported he has asked Provost Bernardo and a team of others to continue a conversation and dialog with Bellevue College about ways in which WSU can help facilitate their work and efforts; he said it is all about making sure we have and are making a measurable difference in the lives of students broadly, and specifically those students who can benefit from a WSU education and degree.

In closing, President Floyd thanked the University community, faculty, staff and students for their work and efforts on behalf of WSU. He also thanked the Board for its work, dedication and commitment to WSU and its leadership team.

3. Regent Commendation. President Floyd asked Chair Worthy to read "Board of Regents' Resolution #150508-513" commending Student Regent Kevin J. Massimino for his dedicated service to WSU. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #150508-513. Carried. *(A copy may be requested from the President's Office.)*

4. Regent Commendation. President Floyd asked Chair Worthy to read "Board of Regents' Resolution #150508-512" commending Barry E. Johnston for his many years of dedicated service to WSU. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #150508-512. Carried. *(A copy may be requested from the President's Office.)*

5. **Minutes.** It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the minutes of its March 27, 2015, meeting. Carried.

6. **Reports from University Groups.** Representatives from each of the University groups—Foundation Board of Governors, Faculty Senate, Administrative and Professional Advisory Council, Associated Students of Washington State University, Graduate and Professional Student Association, and the Alumni Association—reviewed their reports as submitted (*Exhibit A*).

7. **Executive Committee Report.** Chair Worthy reported there was one action item to come before the Board from the Executive Committee.

Board of Regents' Election of Officers.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents elect T. Ryan Durkan to serve as Chair of the WSU Board of Regents for the year beginning June 1, 2015, and Lura J. Powell to serve as Vice Chair of the WSU Board of Regents for the year beginning June 1, 2015. Carried.

8. **Finance and Audit Committee.** Regent Durkan began her report by thanking Regent Worthy for his work as Chair of the Board of Regents over the past year. Regent Durkan reported that the Finance and Audit committee had a full agenda: three Information Items; a report on the Digital Classroom; an Internal Audit update; and a Services and Activities Committee update. Regent Durkan reported the committee heard one Future Action Item—the Tobacco and Nicotine Free Campus proposal. Regent Durkan reported the committee was bringing forward to the Board the following Action Items:

WSU Pullman, Amendments to WAC Chapter 504-15, Parking and Traffic Rules.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt amendments to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 504-15 related to parking and traffic rules as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit B.*)

WSU Pullman, Soccer Field Improvements–Phase 2, Design and Construction.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution #150508-507 approving the Soccer Field Improvements–Phase 2 project with a total budget not to exceed \$1,600,000, authorize the project to proceed to design and construction, and further delegate authority to the President or his designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budgeted amount. Carried. (*Exhibit C.*)

WSU Pullman, Old Bookie Renovation, Design and Construction.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution #150508-508 approving the Old Bookie Renovation project with a total budget not to exceed \$32,000,000, and authorize the project to proceed to design and 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 to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budgeted amount. Carried. (*Exhibit D.*)

WSU Tri Cities, Student Union Building, Design and Construction.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #150508-09 approving the Student Union Building project with a total budget not to exceed \$5,730,000, and authorize the project to proceed to design and 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 delegate authority to the President or his designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the budgeted amount. Carried. (*Exhibit E.*)

WSU, Old Bookie Renovation and Tri Cities Student Union Building, Financing.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #150508-510 approving a General Revenue Bond Resolution to authorize the issuance and sale of bonds or other obligations to be used for the Old Bookie Building Renovation and Tri-Cities Student Union Building projects, with proceeds not to exceed \$36,284,215, a maximum term not to exceed 25 years, and a maximum interest cost rate not to exceed 5.5%, and delegate authority to the President or his designee to sell bonds or other obligations, including determining the final bond size, maturity schedule, redemption provisions and timing of sale. Carried. (*Exhibit F.*)

Services and Activities Fees Increase for AY 2015-2016.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Services and Activities Fees (S & A) increase as recommended by the S & A Fee committee, and subject to the approval of the Legislature and the Governor, authorize an increase in the S & A Fees (and S & A like fees) for academic year 2015-2016 as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit G.*)

Services and Activities Fees Committee Allocations for Academic Year 2015-2016 and Summer 2016.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the allocation of Services and Activities (S & A) Fees for academic year 2015-2016 and summer 2016 from the S & A Fees committee as proposed. Carried. (*Exhibit H.*)

Academic Year 2015-2016 Tuition Rates.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve a 0% tuition increase to all tuition categories for academic year 2015-2016. Carried. (*Exhibit I.*)

9. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report. Regent Massimino, standing in for Academic and Student Affairs Committee chair Regent Jennings, reported the committee had a very extensive committee meeting. He reported the committee heard an update on the WSU Long-Range Housing Plan from Associate Vice President Terry Boston and Interim Vice President Melynda Huskey. Regent Massimino reported the committee then heard a presentation from Vice President Chris Keane on the WSU Research Strategic Plan. Regent Massimino reported President Floyd provided the committee an update on student living groups on campus. Regent Massimino turned the report over to Chair Worthy who brought forward the following items:

Departmental Name Change. Chair Worthy noted for the record that it was decided this item would be presented as an Action Item rather than a Future Action Item, in accordance with Board of Regents Bylaw II.12.B.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the departmental name change of the Department of Mathematics to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics as proposed. Carried.

Degree Name Changes. Chair Worthy noted for the record that it was decided these items would be presented as Action Items rather than Future Action Items, in accordance with Board of Regents Bylaw II.12.B.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the degree name changes as proposed: M.S./Ph.D. in Botany to M.S./Ph.D. in Plant Biology; M.S./Ph.D. in Zoology to M.S./Ph.D. in Biology; M.A. in Prevention Science to M.S. in Prevention Science; degrees in Criminal Justice to Criminal Justice and Criminology (this was presented to the Board as an Action Item). Carried.

Changes to the *Faculty Manual*. Chair Worthy noted for the record that it was decided this item would be presented as an Action item rather than a Future Action Item, in accordance with Board of Regents Bylaw II.12.B.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the following changes to the *Faculty Manual* as a group as proposed: Workplace Violence and

Bullying Policy; Designation of Academic Unit; Promotion Process; Clinical Faculty Appointments; Business Days/Working Days Clarification; Non-reappointment Letter; Faculty Structure; Reasonable Accommodations; Faculty Convicted of Felonies; Intellectual Property (this was presented to the Board as an Action Item); pages 54 and 61 (this was presented to the Board as an Action Item). Carried. *(Exhibit J.)*

Extend Degrees. Chair Worthy noted for the record that it was decided that this item would be presented as an Action Item rather than a Future Action Item, in accordance with Board of Regents Bylaw II.12.B.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents extend the Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality Business Management to the Tri-Cities Campus, and the Doctor of Pharmacy to the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences in Yakima. Carried.

Establish a Major in Forestry, Under the Approved Bachelor of Science in Earth and Environmental Sciences.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve establishing a Major in Forestry, under the approved Bachelor of Science in Earth and Environmental Sciences, effective Fall 2015. Carried.

Amendments to WAC 504-26 – Standards of Conduct for Students.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve amendments and changes to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 504-26 as proposed. Carried. *(Exhibit K.)*

Approval of ASWSU Everett Constitution.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the constitution of the newly formed ASWSU Everett. Carried. *(Exhibit L.)*

10. External Affairs Committee Report. Regent Sims reported the External Affairs Committee heard two reports, beginning with a presentation on the Academic Technology Test Kitchen presented by Vice President Dave Cillay, followed by a report on the Economic Impact Study presented by Associate Vice President Anson Fatland.

11. Other Business. No other Business was discussed.

12. Executive Session. Executive Session was convened May 7, 2015, to discuss with University's legal counsel matters relating to pending or potential litigation involving the University and the performance of a public employee. The following action was taken:

Request for Defense.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution #150508-511 approving the request for defense submitted by Dr. Hamid Rad. Carried.

Employment Agreement.

It was moved and seconded that the current employment agreement of President Elson S. Floyd be amended to reflect a 6.0% increase in annual base salary effective June 1, 2015. Carried.

13. Public Comment Period. No public comment.

12. Adjournment. In closing, Chair Worthy announced that the next Regents' meeting will be held in Pullman, Washington.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held September 18, 2015, on the WSU Pullman Campus, at the Compton Union Building, Room 204.

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents