

# **ACTION ITEM #1**

## **Delegation of Authority to the President to Ratify the 2013-2015 Collective Bargaining Agreements (Roger Patterson)**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** 2013-2015 Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Washington Federation of State Employees and WSU Police Guild.

**PROPOSED:** That the Board of Regents delegate authority to the President to ratify the 2013-2015 collective bargaining agreements negotiated under Chapter 41.80 RCW with the exclusive representatives of bargaining units of Washington State University classified employees.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Roger Patterson, Vice President for Business and Finance

**SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION:**

Collective bargaining agreements are currently being negotiated with the Washington State Federation of State Employees (WFSE) covering the six bargaining units of WSU classified employees represented by the WFSE (338 employees) and the WSU Police Guild covering a bargaining unit of Police Officers (15 employees). The bargaining unit of steam plant employees (12 employees) represented by the Teamsters Union has shown no interest in bargaining, as was the case during the last round of negotiations. Bargaining is being conducted under the authority of the collective bargaining law, Chapter 41.80 RCW, and under a delegation of authority from the Board of Regents. After completion of negotiations, the collective bargaining agreements must be ratified by the bargaining units and by the University before they can be sent to the Governor's office for inclusion in the 2013-2015 budget that is submitted by the Governor to the Legislature. The statutory deadline for submission of agreements to the Governor's office is October 1, 2012. The next scheduled Board meeting after the August 23-24 meeting is October 4, 2012, after the deadline for filing the agreement with the Governor. If as of the date of the Board of Regents August 23, 2012 meeting, negotiations have not been completed, it is recommended that the Board of Regents delegate authority to the President to ratify each contract after the negotiators have tentatively agreed to all of the terms of the contract.

# **BOARD OF REGENTS**

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### **Resolution #120824-439**

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: The Board of Regents hereby delegate authority to the President, or his designee, to ratify the 2013-2015 collective bargaining agreements covering bargaining units of WSU employees after tentative agreement has been reached with the exclusive representatives of the employees.

DATED this 24th day of August, 2012.

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Chair, Board of Regents

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Secretary, Board of Regents