

MINUTES
Board of Regents
October 4, 2013

The Board of Regents of Washington State University met pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 8:00 a.m., on Friday, October 4, 2013 in the Firstenburg Student Commons Building, Room 101-103, Vancouver, Washington.

Present: Regent Connie Niva, Chair; Regents, Ted Baseler, T. Ryan Durkan, Francois Forgette, Laura Jennings, Lindsey Schaffer, Ron Sims (via phone) and Michael Worthy; President Elson S. Floyd, and Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Daniel J. Bernardo.

1. Report from the Chair of the Board of Regents. Regent Niva welcomed everyone to the meeting. She said that since the last Regents' Meeting, the Regents have participated in a variety of WSU activities including Wine Science Groundbreaking at WSU Tri-Cities; the WSU Foundation annual meeting and recognition gala and several other events surrounding WSU week in Seattle.

2. Report from the President of the University. President Floyd thanked the Board for the opportunity to report. He thanked Chancellor Netzhammer for hosting the Board on the Vancouver Campus and in his home for dinner. He said he looks forward to continued conversations with him on the future role of WSU Vancouver.

President Floyd also recognized the student leadership and thanked them for sharing their educational experiences with the Regents over lunch. He said that WSU has amazing students and he is in awe with the way they embrace WSU and the academic experience.

President Floyd started off by highlighting some of the capital projects occurring across the WSU system. Those projects included the following:

- dedications in the installment of two art pieces on the Vancouver Campus
- groundbreaking of the new Wine Science Center in the Tri-Cities
- dedication of the new Northside Residence Hall on the Pullman Campus
- rebranding of Palouse Ridge Golf Course on the Pullman campus
- Marriott Residence Inn has broken ground east of the Student Recreation Center on the Pullman campus
- Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Building is nearing completion on the Spokane campus
- development of WSU North Puget Sound at Everett

President Floyd said that he has been spending quite a bit of time in conversation with legislatures about WSU's budget for the coming years and the priorities associated with WSU.

Lastly, President Floyd reported that it has been a long time since faculty and staff have had salary increases. He said effective January 1, WSU will provide a 4 percent across the board increase for Administrative Professional employees throughout the WSU system. He said faculty will also receive 4 percent increase and he has set aside approximately \$2 million to provide additional compensation based on meritorious service to the University.

3. Minutes. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the minutes of the September 6, 2013, Board of Regents Meeting. Carried.

4. Reports from University Groups. Representative from each of the university groups—Faculty Senate, Administrative and Professional Advisory Council, Associated Students of Washington State University, the Associated Students of Washington State University Spokane, the Graduate and Professional Student Association, Foundation Board of Governors, and the WSU Alumni Association—reviewed their reports as submitted. *(Individual written reports may be found online at the Board of Regents website or requested from the President's Office.)*

5. Focused Discussion – WSU Vancouver. Chancellor Netzhammer provided an overview of WSU Vancouver in the areas of enrollment, education, research, giving, and community and planning. He also introduced the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Renny Christopher. Chancellor Netzhammer also introduced three students to the Board and asked them to talk about their experiences at WSU Vancouver. The three students were Mr. Phil Uribe, Mr. Philip Hawkins and Ms. Shave Winters.

6. Executive Committee. Regent Niva reported that committee discussed the recommendation to name the new Visitor Center and is ready to bring forward to the Board for approval.

The Board took action on the following:

WSU Pullman, Facilities Names Recommendation. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the naming of the Visitor Center on WSU Pullman Campus, the Brelsford WSU Visitor Center. Carried.

7. External Affairs Committee Report. Regent Durkan reported that the committee had a brief meeting. She said that President Floyd provided the legislative update for Colleen Kerr who was ill and unable to report. She said that on the local level, the supplemental budget is the main focus of conversations. She also reported that on the federal level the shutdown has not affected WSU yet. She said if the

shutdown continues to go on, that it could have some effect on WSU and that President Floyd will keep them informed.

Regent Durkan also reported that the committee discussed the future action pertaining to public records request regulations that are published in the Washington Administrative Code. She added that most regulations are housekeeping measures.

8. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report. Regent Jennings reported that the committee reviewed the action items being brought before the Board regarding changes to the Faculty Manual. She added that all three actions have not changed since their discussion from their last meeting and all was already approved by the Faculty Senate.

Regent Jennings also reported that the the committee heard from Paul Pitre, Special Assistant to the President, regarding the status of the Everett Campus and where WSU is in the process of taking over management of the University Center. She added as part of the Everett Campus update, Vice President Patterson and Associate Vice President Yang updated them on the \$10 million legislative appropriation for design build and land purchase for a future building.

Lastly, Regent Jennings reported that the committee also reviewed three future actions items that will come before the Board at future meetings. She said the first future action involves the housing and dining rates for next year. She added that the usual policy will be followed by having a student committee formed to gather information and provide recommendations. She said that the Board will vote on the new housing and dining rates at their January meeting.

She said David Cillay, Vice President of the Global Campus, submitted constitution and bylaw changes for ASWSU Global. She said most of the changes are administrative in nature, changing language that still refers to Extension and also changes regarding the responsibilities of the President and the Vice President of ASWSU Global.

She said that last future action item they discussed is a WAC addition for WSU Vancouver to become a smoke and tobacco free campus.

The Board took action on the following:

Faculty Manual Revisions: Section III, Faculty Personnel Policies, D. Employment, 3, g) Part-time Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the revisions to the Section III, Faculty Personnel Policies, 3, g) Part-time Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty of the Faculty Manual. Carried.

Faculty Manual Revisions: Section III, Faculty Personnel Policies, D. Employment. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the revision to Section III, Faculty Personnel Policies, D. Employment of the Faculty Manual. Carried.

Faculty Manual Revisions: Section III, Faculty Personnel Policies, F. Disciplinary Process/procedures, and Section III, F and H. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the revisions to Section III, Faculty Personnel Policies, F. Disciplinary Process/procedures, page 86 and Section II of the Faculty Manual as proposed by the Attorney General. Carried.

9. Finance and Audit Committee. Regent Worthy reported that the Committee reviewed several future actions that will come before the Board at later meetings. He said they discussed WSU's bond debt management practices and said proposals will be forthcoming. He said they also discussed processes for expediting capital project approvals; financial approval relative to activity at the Center for North Puget Sound, Everett; improvements to the Soccer field in Pullman which need to occur to bring WSU into compliance with Pac-12 television broadcasting standards; additions to the Agricultural Technology Building and the Viticulture Building in Prosser; a roof replacement for Johnson Hall in Pullman; and renovations to Johnson Annex and Troy Hall Addition on the Pullman campus.

Regent Worthy reviewed each action before Board approval.

The Board took action on the following:

WSU Pullman, Plant Sciences Building (REC 5), Pre-Design. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #131004-458, authorizing the Plant Sciences Building (REC 5) project to proceed to pre-design, and delegating authority to the President or his designee to enter into the necessary contracts to complete the pre-design within the budgeted amount of \$500,000. Carried.

WSU Pullman, Plant Growth Facilities – Phase I, Pre-Design. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #131004-459, authorizing the Plant Growth Facilities Phase I project to proceed to pre-design, and delegating authority to the President or his designee to enter into the necessary contracts to complete the pre-design with the budgeted amount of \$225,000. Carried.

WSU Pullman, Plant Growth Facilities – Phase 2, Design and Construction. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #131004-460, authorizing the Plant Growth Facilities Phase 2 project for a total budget not to exceed \$10,000,000, and authorized the project to proceed to design and

construction, using the Design-Building process and further delegated authority to the President or his designee to select a Design-Build contractor and enter into the necessary contracts to complete the project within the budgeted amount. Carried.

WSU Pullman, Clean Technology Laboratory Building, Construction. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 131004-461, authorizing the Clean Technology Laboratory Building project to proceed with a total budget not to exceed \$52,835,000, which is inclusive of the previously approved amount for \$2.5 million for design and preconstruction and further delegated authority to the President or his designee to enter into the necessary contracts to complete the project within the budgeted amount. Carried.

WSU Pullman, Clean Technology Laboratory Building, Financing. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #131004-462 authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds or other obligations to be used for the Clean Technology Laboratory Building; not to exceed \$20,000,000, a maximum term not to exceed 30 years, and a maximum interest cost rate not to exceed 6.0%; and delegating 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.

WSU Pullman, Northside Residence Hall – Phase 2, Design and Construction. was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #131004-463, approving the Northside Residence Hall – Phase 2 project with a total budget not to exceed \$40,000,000, and authorizing the project to proceed to design and construction, using the Design-build process and further delegating authority to the President or his designee to select a Design-Build contractor and enter into the necessary contracts to complete the project within the budgeted amount. Carried.

WSU Pullman, Northside Resident Hall – Phase 2, Financing. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #131004-464, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds or other obligations to be used for University Housing projects; not to exceed \$40,000,000, a maximum term not to exceed 30 years, and a maximum interest cost rate not to exceed 6.0%; and delegating 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.

10. Public Comment Period. Ms. Melissa Commodore provided public comment regarding the US African American and Minority Graduate Student Admission Relationship to the University.

12. Adjournment. In closing, Regent Niva announced that the next Regents' Meeting will be held November 21-22 at the Spokane Campus.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held November 22, 2013, on the WSU Spokane Campus, Nursing Building, Room 205.



Chair, Board of Regents



Secretary, Board of Regents