The Washington State University Board of Regents hosted the University of Washington Board of Regents for a joint meeting on Friday, November 21, 2009, beginning at 3:10 p.m. in room 204 of the Compton Union Building, on the Washington State University Campus in Pullman, Washington.

Present from Washington State University: Regents Francois Forgette (Chair), Kenneth Alhadeff, Scott E. Carson, Harold A. Cochran, Derick C. En’Wezoh, Connie M. Niva, and President of Washington State University Elson S. Floyd.

Present from University of Washington: Regents Craig W. Cole (Chair), Stanley H. Barer, Kristianne Blake, Jeffrey H. Brotman, William H. Gates, Sally Jewell, Frederick C. Kiga, Constance L. Proctor, Herb Simon, Jean-Paul A. Willynck and President of the University of Washington, Mark A. Emmert.

Guests: Governor Christine Gregoire; Attorney General Rob McKenna; Professor King Holmes, Chair of Global Health at the University of Washington; and Professor Terry McElwain, Executive Director of the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Washington State University.

1. **Opening Comments and Introductions.** There were opening remarks from the chairs of each of the Boards, Mr. Cole and Mr. Forgette, as well as from Presidents Emmert and Floyd.

President Floyd also introduced Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna who provided remarks concerning budget issues and other challenges affecting the state.

2. **Discussion on Research and Budgeting Priorities.** Regent Forgette introduced Dr. King Holmes and Dr. Terry McElwain, who provided presentations on the topic of global animal and human health. Drs. Holmes and McElwain discussed how both institutions are providing innovative solutions to global infectious disease challenges through research, education, global outreach, and application of disease control at the animal-human interface. Members of both Boards participated in a dialogue affirming the importance of collaboration and the use of a multi-disciplinary approach, as well as expressing their hopes for increased research funding in this area for both institutions.

After the presentations, Regent Forgette introduced Governor Gregoire who expressed appreciation to both universities for the important work they are doing. In particular, she noted that she was excited about the institutions working together on global health and provided comments regarding the opportunity this presents for Washington State and other nations.

3. **Discussion with Governor Gregoire on Budgeting Priorities.** Governor Gregoire provided comments about the challenges faced in light of the economic downturn and emphasized that we can only get through these difficult times by working together. She said,
however, that we are also presented with opportunities. For example, she indicated that we have an opportunity to reform state government and to look at ways we can be more effective and efficient. Additionally, she discussed plans for moving forward with an economic stimulus plan. As she has done with other groups and individuals, she asked the Regents to help by sharing their ideas on government restructuring and ideas that might be included in her economic stimulus package. In particular, she noted that she is interested in ready-to-go public works projects that will create jobs. Lastly, Governor Gregoire said that open and honest candor is the “name of the game” right now, and that although the next couple of years will be difficult, she sees a bright future for Washington State.

4. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held January 30, 2009, Firstenburg Student Commons, 101-103, Vancouver, Washington

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