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**DATE** **PROPOSED DRAFT**

**TO:** Kirk Schulz, President  
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**FROM: *Faculty Senate Executive Committee:***

Doug Call, Chair  
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Dave Turnbull, Past Chair  
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Nomination of 2022-2025 Faculty Regent candidates and associated activities.

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For the past four years, WSU Faculty Senate has had one non-voting representative in attendance at the WSU Board of Regents meetings. In the event that HB 1051 is signed into law, the WSU Faculty Senate needs to provide a list of faculty nominees (2-5) for the new WSU Faculty Regent position with the WSU Board of Regents. The list of nominees will be presented to Governor Inslee, and he will select one candidate to begin a three-year term no earlier than October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

In preparation for generating a list of nominees and subsequent activities, the Faculty Senate approved the following course of action on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (**X yea, X nay votes**):

- For this inaugural appointment, the Faculty Senate will nominate all four past faculty representatives for the governor to consider. This includes David Turnbull (current representative), Greg Crouch, Judi McDonald and AG Rud. All four nominees are eligible as full-time faculty and have indicated their willingness to serve should this option be favored by the Faculty Senate.
- Besides fulfilling the role as Faculty Regent at Board meetings, the Faculty Senate proposes that the new Faculty Regent serves as a standing member of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee to ensure timely communication of information and concerns. It is understood that information presented in the Regents' executive session is confidential and will not be shared by the Faculty Regent absent prior written approval by the Board Chair and the Senior Assistant Attorney General for WSU. This individual should also attend Faculty Senate meetings on a regular basis as an ex officio member.
- The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will work with the WSU administration to ensure that the names of nominees and supporting documentation are provided to the Governor's Office in a timely manner, that all nominees are eligible under the statutory criteria, and that all are able and willing to serve the three-year term as Faculty Regent.
- The timing for the formal appointment of the inaugural Faculty Regent (October 1<sup>st</sup>) is out of sync with the WSU Board of Regents meeting schedule. The current faculty representative, David Turnbull, steps down from this position on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The next Board of Regents

meeting is September 15-16. The Faculty Senate proposes the following procedure to fill this timing gap.

- If available, the governor-appointed Faculty Regent will serve as the faculty representative (non-voting) for the September meeting.
- If the governor has not selected the Faculty Regent by this time, either Doug Call or David Turnbull (past chairs) will serve as the faculty representative until such time as the governor appoints the Faculty Regent.
- The Faculty Senate further proposes that during the 2022-23 academic year, the Faculty Affairs Committee develop a procedure for selecting future nominees for this position. The Faculty Senate will adopt an agreed upon procedure by formal vote.

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