

MINUTES
Board of Regents
March 23, 2012

The Board of Regents of Washington State University met pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 8:00 a.m., on Friday, March 23, 2012, in the Compton Union Building, Room 204, Pullman, Washington.

Present: Regent Theodor Baseler, Chair; Regents, Jacob Bredstrand, Scott Carson, Harold Cochran, T. Ryan Durkan, Francois Forgette, Laura Jennings, Connie Niva, Ron Sims and Michael Worthy; President Elson S. Floyd, Provost and Academic Vice President Warwick Bayly, and Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Regents Christine Hoyt.

1. Report from the Chair of the Board of Regents. Regent Theodor Baseler welcomed everyone to the Regents' Meeting. He started off by officially welcoming Regents Ryan Durkan and Ron Sims to the Pullman Campus. He said that the last two meetings have been held at WSU Tri-Cities and WSU Spokane.

He said since the January meeting, the Regents have participated in a variety of activities. He added that Regents have attended meetings in Olympia with Regents and Trustees of the other four-year institutions and that all of them have been active in visiting with the Governor and members of the legislature letting them know that Washington State University cannot sustain further budget cuts. He acknowledged that Regent Carson recently spoke at the ASWSU Multicultural Fundraising dinner in Pullman and that Regent Niva has been very active supporting the men's and women's basketball teams in post-season play.

2. Report from the President of the University. President Elson S. Floyd thanked the Board for the opportunity to report. He said that it is his pleasure to provide the Board with an update associated with the University and the remarkable work that is being conducted by WSU faculty and staff. He also said that he has the great privilege of being at an institution that has such amazing students and that it is one of absolute delights of serving as President at Washington State University.

He reported that with the ongoing budget reductions over the last four years, there has been a conversation about the overall direction of the University and how things have changed as a consequence. He provided a presentation ([EXHIBIT A](#)) that was recently given to the Faculty Senate on institutional priorities, progress that has been achieved and the opportunities that lie ahead. Topics of the presentation included Primary Goals; Academic Priorities; Academic Strategies; Resource Inputs; Institutional Priorities; Student Engagement; Requirements in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities; Outreach Engagement; Deliverables; WSU Steering Committee; and Research/Scholarship Fund.

President Floyd reported that the administration must continue to do all that they can to enhance the quality of the education experience for the students, support and sustain faculty in their research and to create the best environment for all. He added that they will continue to have discussions on these topics at their summer retreat.

3. Minutes. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the minutes of January 27, 2012. Carried.

4. Reports from University Groups. Representatives from each of the university groups—Faculty Senate, Administrative and Professional Advisory Council, Associated Students of Washington State University, 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 – Tree Fruit Investment Research Grant. Dr. Dan Bernardo, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, presented on the Washington Tree Fruit Investment [EXHIBIT B](#).

6. Executive Committee. Regent Baseler reported that the Regents discussed future actions that will come before them in May, including the 2013 Board of Regents Meeting Schedule, Election of Officers and the Regents' Distinguished Alumnus Award. He asked Sharyl Kammerzell, Director of Legal Affairs and Special Counsel, to speak on the action items regarding the Operating Agreement between WSU and the WSU Alumni Association and the Restatement of the WSU Retirement Plan.

Sharyl Kammerzell reported that the operating agreement between Washington State University and the WSU Alumni Association will replace the current agreement that came into effect November 17, 2006. She said it retains the business relationship between the two entities and primarily adds elements that recognize the efforts of the alumni association to engage in grassroots and other lobbying efforts the University cannot engage in. She stated that it underscores that those activities will be kept separate and will be financed completely separate from the University and, further, that university employees will not be engaged in any of those activities.

She said that the Restatement of the WSU Supplemental Retirement Plan incorporates an amendment that has been requested by the Internal Revenue Service. She said that a letter of determination was issued by the IRS in December of 2011 and follows upon a request made by University in 2009.

The Board took action on the following:

Operating Agreement between WSU and the WSU Alumni Association. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #120323-428, approving the Operating Agreement between WSU and the WSU Alumni Association in substantial conformity with the version presented to them in [EXHIBIT C](#). The Board also delegated to the President or designee(s), the authority to execute the Operating Agreement in the University's name and to take actions as deemed necessary or appropriate to finalize and implement the Agreement. Carried.

Restatement of the Washington State University Supplemental Retirement Plan. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #120323-429, acknowledging the amended section 5.1 of the Washington State University Supplemental Retirement Plan as provided as attachment A to the Resolution and approved the restatement of the Washington State University Supplemental Retirement (WSU-SRP) in substantially the same form as in attachment B also provided as an attachment to the Resolution..

The Board also delegated authority to the President or designee(s), the authority to make changes in the WSU-SRP document in substantial conformity with the version presented to them, and to execute the WSU-SRP in the University's name, and to take other actions as deemed necessary or appropriate to implement the WSU-SRP ([EXHIBIT D](#)).

7. External Affairs Committee Report. Regent Jennings said the External Affairs Committee had a full agenda. She said that Athletic Director Bill Moos provided an update on several areas of WSU Athletics. She said that WSU Athletics has a 73 percent graduation rate and that ranks WSU second in the conference only behind Stanford. She noted that WSU athletes actually have a higher GPA than our overall student population. She said they also heard about a variety of programs including women's tennis, men's and women's basketball and that he reported on a wide range of accomplishments among the student athletes. She said he also reported on the football program and the momentum that came within ten days of the announcement of the new football coach, which included selling over 2,000 new tickets which represented \$1.8 million in new revenue. She said they received update of the status of Martin Stadium construction and were pleased to find that that project is on budget and on schedule. She said they followed their meeting with a tour of facilities and spent time really understanding the changes that have made under his leadership.

Regent Jennings reported that they received a legislative update from Associate Vice President for Government Relations Colleen Kerr who focused on what is occurring at the state level, and what is happening in the special session.

Lastly, Regent Jennings indicated that the committee received a Campaign update and year-to-date progress from Associate Vice President for University Development Kevin Harvey.

8. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report. Regent Connie Niva reported that their first item was an informational item regarding regional accreditation and assessment update. She said that the committee also reviewed future actions that will come before the Board at the May Regents' Meeting including extending a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering to WSU Tri-Cities; extending the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering to the University Center of North Puget Sound in Everett; the formation of the School of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs; and a WAC Revision for campus parking and traffic regulations at WSU Vancouver.

9. Finance and Audit Committee. Regent Carson asked Regent Forgette to report for him since he was unable to be present during the Finance and Audit Committee meeting. Regent Forgette reported on the general revenue bond sale and said the Regents were delighted to hear that the interest rate came in at a lower than expected rate of 3.56 percent. He said that this lower rate will result in an annual savings of several hundred thousand dollars. He also said that the Committee received an update on an enrollment incentive program which is an internal funding model to help meet increased student demand, maintain high levels of quality, and provide students with the ability to get the classes they need to graduate in a timely manner.

Regent Forgette highlighted several future action items that were discussed, including the Campus Master Plan update, the WSU Visitor Center, the Clean Technology Laboratory Building, Tuition Rates for 2012-2013, Services and Activities Fees, and the 2013-2015 Biennial Capital and Operating Budget requests.

Lastly, Regent Forgette reported that the Committee reviewed two action items regarding a real estate transaction in the Compton Union Building and a building lease for WSU West in Seattle.

The Board took action on the following:

WSU Pullman, Compton Union Building Real Estate Transaction. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents delegate authority to the President or his designee, to acquire the leasehold interest and related tenant improvements in the CUB first floor restaurant space, at a purchase price not to exceed \$1,675,000, and execute all documents, and take all other necessary to complete the transaction. Carried.

WSU West, Building Lease. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents delegate authority to the President or his designee to enter into and

execute a lease and any related transactional documents for WSU West, at 901 5th Avenue, Suite 2100, Seattle, Washington. Carried.

10. Adjournment. In closing, Regent Baseler reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held May 3-4, 2012, in Pullman, and stated that activities will also include commencement for both WSU Spokane and Pullman.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held May 4, 2012, at the Compton Union Building, Rooms 204, Pullman, Washington.

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