

MINUTES  
Board of Regents  
January 25, 2013

The Board of Regents of Washington State University met pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 8:10 a.m., on Friday, January 25, 2013, at the WSU Tri-Cities Campus in the Consolidated Information Center, Rooms 212-214, Richland, Washington.

Present: Regent Scott Carson, Chair; Regents, Ted Baseler, Harold Cochran, T. Ryan Durkan (via videoconference), Francois Forgette, Laura Jennings, Connie Niva, Rafael Pruneda, Ron Sims and Michael Worthy; President Elson S. Floyd.

**1. Report from the Chair of the Board of Regents.** Regent Carson welcomed everyone to the Tri-Cities Campus. He indicated that since the last Regents' Meeting, 825 students graduated during the December commencement ceremony.

**2. Report from the President of the University.** President Floyd thanked the Board for the opportunity to report. He started off by thanking Dick Pratt, Interim Chancellor for WSU Tri-Cities for hosting the Board of Regents. He said the reception they attended is reflective of the collaborative esprit de corps that is so prevalent in the Tri-Cities. He also thanked Dr. Pratt for his leadership during this time of transition.

President Floyd reported that the Pullman Campus is in the process of moving to a 20 mph speed zone and when the Regents are back on the Pullman campus in March, the 20 mph speed zone should be in full force. He said that there have been different speed zones across the campus it's not only confusing but it is also dangerous. He said it has been widely communicated to faculty, staff and students and has been well received.

President Floyd also reported that the demolition of the Hollingbery Fieldhouse Annex that is adjacent to the athletic complex is currently taking place. He said they have worked closely with the students to make sure that the services the Annex provided will be moved to other locations. He added that there is much enthusiasm about opening up that part of the campus not only for aesthetics but primarily for safety and security. He also said that it is going to provide a gateway into the institution and provide a view ultimately of the stadium. President Floyd reported that pathway will remain open during the construction of the operations building it. He said it will look like a construction site with all of the necessary protective barriers associated with pedestrian care, which is their highest priority.

He reported that the Northside Residence Hall is on schedule and on budget and is proceeding very well. He said the Board will very satisfied with the pace of the construction and equally pleased with the quality of the construction itself.

President Floyd stated that they are in the final stages of completing the new Veterinary Medicine Research Building. He stated that this building will enable researchers, faculty and postdoctoral students from various disciplines to focus collaboratively on issues related to human and animal health and represents another significant step in WSU's advancement as a top-tier land grant university.

President Floyd reported that they continue to be vigilant about issues surrounding the overall health and safety of the students and that one of the most vexing issues is dealing with the issue of alcohol on campus. He stated that the President's Task Force on Alcohol Abuse has been very active and will be providing a report to the Board at the March Regents' Meeting.

President Floyd said a recent report by *US News* and *World Report* has listed WSU's online MBA Program at #1 in the country. He commended Dean Spangenburg and his team for accomplishing that designation. He also said that David Cillay, Vice President of the Global Campus is doing an amazing job helping to lead the on-line efforts. He said it is new frontier for WSU as an institution to have to make decisions about the availability of on-line degrees and programs from the context of maintaining the quality of those programs but also the need to do it from the standpoint of access. He said WSU students are increasingly desirous of having multiple ways of entering the institution. He said a number of them want to continue in the traditional residential experience but a number of WSU students are relying on digital technologies to serve as the entryway to their higher education experience and that WSU needs to be at the forefront. He added that institutions across the country are struggling with the issue of access and that WSU is no different, but WSU will be different in the sense of having a very thoughtful and deliberate plan that will enable students to access WSU in ways in which they have not been able to in the past. He said WSU also needs to be concerned about price sensitivity associated with on-line courses. He said he appreciates the Boards thoughtful review and consideration of a flat rate associated with the Global Campus which is on the agenda today.

President Floyd stated that conversations will ensue over the coming weeks and months regarding tuition policy for the state. He said that WSU has three standards associated with tuition—that it is affordable, predictable, and stable. He added that right now there is an overall fiscal environment in the country in which there is a debate whether higher education is a public build or an individual one and there is no doubt that education will serve as the gateway for access and opportunity into the future and WSU has an obligation and responsibility to Washingtonians to make sure that WSU is leading in that conversation and will do everything possible to continue to show very solid and strong leadership to the legislature, and to the community on where WSU is headed.

Regent Pruneda commented that he feels the 20 mph speed zone is very appropriate.

Regent Baseler congratulated President Floyd for the #1 ranking on the on-line MBA program.

Regent Carson thanked President Floyd for his comments. He also expressed that on behalf of the entire Board, they continue to be impressed by his blend of courageous vision and pragmatic leadership.

**3. Minutes.** It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the minutes of the November 16, 2012. 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 Tri-Cities.** Interim Chancellor Pratt provided a presentation to the Board highlighting the vision for the Tri-Cities campus, the Tri-Cities Research District Master Plan, an update on the Chancellor Search, the Wine Science Center, and partnerships. See **Exhibit A** for full presentation.

**6. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report.** Regent Niva reported that the committee heard from Larry James, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, regarding the name change of the Master of Science in Molecular Biosciences, Professional Science Option to Professional Science Masters in Molecular Biosciences. She said this change is a result of keeping WSU up-to-date. Regent Niva also reported that the committee discussed the action item regarding the Year Three Report for Accreditation. She said that previously the visit involved a team of people coming to the campus to hold their interviews but this year WSU is part of a pilot program with 12 other universities that will entail virtual visits and interviews. Regent Niva indicated that the area's that were considered weak in the first series of visits was in the area of student assessment. She said Vice Provost James reported that the faculty is now 100 percent compliant with student assessment in their classes and the next step will be to evaluate the quality of the learning that is before them. She said the aspects that they are looking at regarding WSU is the fact that WSU has had a 52 percent reduction in state funding, the issue of governance across the various remote campuses, and the need to renew a strategic plan.

The Board took action on the following:

Year Three Report for Accreditation. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Year Three Report for Accreditation. Carried.

The full report can be found at the following address:

<http://accreditation.wsu.edu/reports/NWCCU-2013-Year-Three-Report-Regents-Draft.pdf>

**7. External Affairs Committee Report.** Regent Jennings reported that Chris Mulick, Director of Governmental Relations, provided an update on the legislative agenda and indicated that the new members are eager to get up to speed. Regent Jennings also reported that Chris Mulick discussed the press release from the Council of Presidents on the proposed \$225 million reinvestment plan which would strengthen the state investment in higher education.

Regent Jennings reported that the committee also heard from Gayle Ogden, Associate Director of Gift Planning who provided a comprehensive report on the impact of the Fiscal Cliff on charitable giving. She said the WSU Foundation is very busy educating themselves and the people they work with on the impacts of the American Taxpayer Relief Act and the Affordable Care Act. She reported that imbedded in those pieces of legislation are incentives for charitable giving and also disincentives for other types of charitable giving.

Lastly, Regent Jennings reviewed the action item replacing the 2009 agreement between WSU and WSU 4-H Foundation.

The Board took action on the following:

Agreement between WSU and WSU 4-H Foundation. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between Washington State University and Washington State University 4-H Foundation in substantially the same form as the attached version in **Exhibit B**. Carried.

**8. Finance and Audit Committee.** Regent Worthy reported that the Finance and Audit Committee heard from Heather Lopez, Internal Auditor, who reported on the ongoing audit program. He said the committee also heard from Debbie Pennick, Audit Manager from the State Auditor's Office, who reported on the State's Audit of the University's financial condition. He said they also heard reports from Roger Patterson, Vice President for Business and Finance on WSU's annual financial statements and debt report. He emphasized that this is the 14<sup>th</sup> straight year where WSU has received an Unqualified Opinion which is an extraordinary accomplishment. He commended Roger and his team for their outstanding leadership.

Regent Worthy also reported that they committee saw schematic design documents for the Clean Technology Laboratory Building.

Regent Worthy reviewed the action items before the Board of Regents approval.

The Board took action on the following:

WSU Tri-Cities, Leased Space for Nursing Program. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution #130125-448, delegating authority to the President or his designee to enter into and execute a lease and any related transactional documents for 1268 Lee Boulevard, in Richland, Washington. Carried.

Global Campus Tuition Rate. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the establishment of a flat fee for students enrolled exclusively in online courses on the Global Campus. Carried.

**9. Executive Session.** Regent Carson reported that the Regents convened in Executive Session, Thursday, January 24, 2012, at 4:15 pm, to discuss the performance of public employees. The session lasted for 60 minutes, and no action was taken.

**10. Public Comment Period.** No public comments were made.

**11. Adjournment.** In closing, Regent Carson announced that the next Regents' Meeting will be held March 21-22, in Pullman.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held March 22, 2013, at the Compton Union Building, Rooms 204, Pullman, Washington.

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WSU Tri-Cities Update  
Interim Chancellor James R. Pratt

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## VISION FOR WSU TRI-CITIES

- Destination campus with 5,000 students
- Hispanic-Serving Institution
- Vibrant 24/7 campus
- Signature programs in:
  - Sustainable Energy**
  - Wine Science**
  - K-12 STEM Education**



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## ACTION ITEM #1

### Agreement between Washington State University and Washington State University 4-H Foundation (Dan Bernardo)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Agreement between Washington State University and Washington State 4-H Foundation.

**PROPOSED:** That the WSU Board of Regents approves the Agreement between Washington State University and Washington State 4-H Foundation (Foundation), in substantially the same form as the attached version.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Daniel J. Bernardo, Vice President for Agriculture and Extension and Dean CAHNRS

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** 4-H is the youth development and outreach program of the land-grant university system. In Washington State, the WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program serves nearly 90,000 youth; mentored and led by over 6,000 volunteer leaders.

Chartered in 1961, the Foundation is a private, not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation, which was established to raise funds for and further the development of 4-H programs and clubs in all 39 counties in Washington state. The Foundation is governed by an independent Board of Trustees, which has 15 members. Garland Capital Management provides financial management services to the Foundation.

An agreement outlining the relationship and expectations between the University and the Foundation has been in existence for at least 35 years; it was last updated in 2009. Under the Agreement, the University provides space and materials for Foundation operations and the Foundation reimburses the University for the University employees who work on behalf of the Foundation. The Foundation currently is staffed by an Executive Director (.25FTE), a Development Coordinator (1.0FTE) and a Program Assistant (.50FTE).

The proposed revisions modify the Agreement in three key