

MINUTES  
Board of Regents  
July 7, 2015

The Board of Regents of Washington State University (WSU) held a special meeting pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. The meeting was held in French Administration, Room 422, Pullman, Washington. The Regents joined via teleconference.

**I. Call to Order**

Regent Durkan called the special meeting to order. She stated that the purpose of the special meeting of the Board of Regents was to discuss plans for honoring President Floyd, to address issues related to the presidential transition, and to receive an update and take action related the recently passed biennial budget.

**II. Roll Call**

Present via teleconference: Regent Ryan Durkan, Chair; Regents Ted Baseler, Don Barbieri, Scott Carson, Harold Cochran, Laura Jennings, Lura Powell, Jansen VanderMeulen and Mike Worthy. Regent Ron Sims joined the meeting after the Executive Session began.

Present in Pullman: Provost and Executive Vice President Dan Bernardo, Video Producer and Journalist Matthew Haugen, Senior Assistant Attorney General Danielle Hess, Executive Assistant to the Board of Regents Desiree Jacobsen, Associate Vice President and Chief Budget Officer Joan King, Chief Audit Executive Heather Lopez, and Assistant Director of News Services Robert Strenge.

**III. Executive Session**

Chair Durkan called an Executive Session to discuss the performance of a public employee. The Executive Session lasted 60 minutes. After Executive Session, the Regents reconvened in open session.

**IV. Report from the Chair of the Board of Regents**

Chair Durkan extended a welcome to the Board's newest Student Regent, Jansen VanderMeulen, and said she would dedicate the remainder of her report to agenda item V.

**V. Recognition of President Floyd's Contributions to WSU**

Chair Durkan said on behalf of the Board of Regents she would like to again extend the Board's condolences to Mrs. Floyd and the Floyd family. She said along with the rest of the Cougar Nation, we are so mourning the loss of Dr. Floyd. Chair Durkan said Dr. Floyd's impact on WSU was profound but that his impact also reached far beyond WSU--it was felt statewide, nationally and internationally. Chair Durkan gave a brief summary of some of Dr. Floyd's accomplishments:

- Overall, the University enrollment grew by 17.6% from 24,396 in the Fall of 2007 to over 28,000 in the Fall of 2014;
- The number of students who self-identify as a student of color increased from 12.5% in the Fall of 2007 to over 26% in the Fall of 2014;
- WSU successfully navigated the worst budget crisis in Washington State's history, enduring a 52% cut in state operating funds over a four-year period;
- WSU completed over thirty major construction projects across the four WSU campuses and its Research and Extension Centers;
- Annual research grant expenditures grew by over 57% from approximately \$213.2 million in 2007 to nearly \$336 million in 2015;
- WSU's Viticulture and Enology program expanded dramatically, including construction of one of the most technologically advanced wine science centers in the world at WSU Tri-Cities;
- Undergraduate alumni grew from 112,400 in 2007 to over 147,000 in 2015; and
- The campaign for one billion dollars was successfully completed.

Regent Durkan reported WSU and the Board will be considering various ways in which to honor Dr. Floyd in the coming months but at this time wanted to take a moment to share some of the special recognition he has received in the past two weeks.

- Student-lead memorial service on the Pullman campus on June 23;
- A letter of condolence from United States President Barack Obama to Mrs. Floyd was read at Dr. Floyd's funeral in North Carolina;
- Flags flew at half-mast statewide;
- The Cougar flag was raised at the Washington State capital;
- Resolutions were read in the Washington State Senate and House;
- Resolutions were read on the floor of the United States Senate and House;
- Alaska Airlines published a tribute in the *Seattle Times* and in their online air magazine;
- Formal proclamations were announced from the Seattle City Council, Spokane City Council, and Everett City Council; and
- Memorial services were held on the campuses of Western Michigan University and the University of Missouri.

Chair Durkan reported with regard to social media, news of President Floyd's passing reached #4 nationally in Twitter, the Office of the President's website received nearly

100,000 page views, and media honored Dr. Floyd in print, television broadcast, and radio locally, nationally, and internationally.

Chair Durkan reported there will be a memorial service and celebration of life on the Pullman campus on August 26, 2015, after the students return to campus.

Chair Durkan reported that it was the intent of the Board of Regents to pursue naming the WSU Medical School in honor of Dr. Elson S. Floyd. She said the Board has received support for this from various constituency groups, including students, staff, alumni, and legislators alike. Chair Durkan said the Board of Regents has asked Acting President Bernardo to begin assembling the necessary documentation so the Board may proceed with a formal naming process at the earliest appropriate time.

Chair Durkan reported that the Board of Regents would also like to honor Dr. Floyd on the Pullman campus. She said the Board has asked Dr. Bernardo to vet the various suggestions that have come forward and to present a proposal to the Board.

## **VI. Appointment of Interim President**

Chair Durkan introduced Action Item #1 proposing the Appointment of Interim President and Delegation of Authority.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution No. 150707-514 appointing Washington State University Provost and Executive Vice President Daniel J. Bernardo as Interim President; authorizing the Chair of the Board of Regents to negotiate and execute an appointment letter containing the terms and conditions of such appointment; and delegating to Dr. Bernardo authority to act in matters relating to the administration of the University's academic, business, and financial affairs. Carried. (*Exhibit A*)

## **VII. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee to Advise on Presidential Search**

Chair Durkan introduced Action Item #2 proposing the Establishment of Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the establishment of an ad hoc advisory committee to advise the Board on matters relating to the search for a new President of Washington State University and to authorize the Chair of the Board of Regents to appoint committee members. Carried.

## **VIII. Biennial Budget Update**

Associate Vice President and Chief Budget Officer Joan King provided the Board of Regents with a Biennial Budget Update and noted an exceptionally exciting outcome of

a decrease in residential undergraduate tuition (the operating fee portion only) of 5% in FY 2016 and an additional 10% in FY2017. She said the lost revenue from the reduction is offset by increases in the state appropriation.

**IX. Amendment to Academic Year 2015-2016 Tuition Rates**

Chair Durkan introduced Action Item #3 proposing an Amendment to the Academic Year 2015-2016 Tuition Rates.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve a tuition reduction in the amount of 5% for the resident undergraduate tuition operating fee in accordance with the biennial budget passed by the legislature. Carried. *(Exhibit B)*

**X. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held September 18, 2015, on the WSU Pullman Campus, at the Compton Union Building, Room 204.

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## **ACTION ITEM #1**

### **Appointment of Interim President and Delegation of Authority (Ryan Durkan)**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Interim President and Delegation of Authority

**PROPOSED:** That the Board of Regents adopt Resolution No. 150707-514 appointing Washington State University Provost and Executive Vice President Daniel J. Bernardo as Interim President; authorizing the Chair of the Board of Regents to negotiate and execute an appointment letter containing the terms and conditions of such appointment; and delegating to Dr. Bernardo authority to act in matters relating to the administration of the University's academic, business, and financial affairs.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ryan Durkan, Chair of the Board of Regents

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** State law vests the management of Washington State University in the Board of Regents and authorizes the Board of Regents to appoint a President and delegate to the President, or his designees, powers and duties vested in the Board.

Provost and Executive Vice President Daniel J. Bernardo has been in the role of Acting President of Washington State University since June 5, 2015. Due to the death of President Elson S. Floyd on June 20, 2015, appointment of an Interim President is necessary, pending the successful completion of a search and appointment of a new President.

## **ACTION ITEM #3**

### **Amended Academic Year 2015-2016 Tuition Rates (Joan King)**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Amended Academic Year 2015-2016 Tuition Rates

**PROPOSED:** That the Washington State University Board of Regents approve an annual 5% tuition operating fee reduction for resident undergraduates for the academic year 2015-2016.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Joan King, Associate Vice President and Chief University Budget Officer

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** State law authorizes the governing boards of the four-year higher education institutions to establish tuition and fees for all student categories except resident undergraduates.

A 5% decrease for the resident undergraduate operating tuition fee was included in the approved biennial budget. This reduction is \$517 per full-time student, per year, in the 2015-2016 academic year. Prior to this reduction, the annual operating tuition fee for resident undergraduates was \$10,336.

The 2015-2016 tuition operating fee rate for resident undergraduates is shown below as the full-time, annual rate.

**2015-2016 Tuition Operating Fee Rates**

Undergraduate Resident Operating Fee	\$ 9,818
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This reduction in the operating tuition fee for resident undergraduates does not affect the S&A fee nor the building fee. In addition, all other tuition categories will remain the same as approved by the Regents in May 2015.