

MINUTES
Board of Regents
October 9, 2009

The Board of Regents of Washington State University met pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, October 9, 2009, at WSU Spokane, Nursing Building, Room 205, Spokane, Washington.

Present: Regent Michael Worthy, Chair; Regents Scott Carson (via teleconference) , Harold Cochran, Elizabeth Cowles, Francois X. Forgette, Laura Jennings (via teleconference), Connie Niva, V. Rafael Stone, and Kasey Webster; President Elson S. Floyd, and Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Regents Christine Hoyt.

1. Report from the Chair of the Board of Regents. Regent Worthy welcomed everyone back to the Spokane Campus. He highlighted various important events taking place over Homecoming Weekend on the Pullman Campus.

2. Report from the President of the University. President Elson S. Floyd began his report by extending his appreciation to the Regents. He said that their leadership is impressive and he thanked them for their support of Washington State University. He reported that external grant and contract funding continues to increase and that two weeks ago WSU announced one of the largest gifts that it has received--\$15.2 million dollars for specialty crops. He said that this grant will be led primarily by the College of Agriculture and its remarkable team of researchers. He noted that an important piece about this grant is not only the absolute dollar amount, but it is also about the relationships with the various commodity groups, as well. President Floyd also recognized the important work of WSU Professor, Dr. John Roll, who received a significant Life Sciences Discovery Fund Grant. Additionally, he thanked WSU Spokane Chancellor Pitcher for hosting the Regents in Spokane and for his leadership at WSU Spokane and in the Spokane Community. Dr. Floyd further mentioned that Spokane Mayor Mary Verner has been instrumental in local revitalization efforts for the University District and that the leadership of Senators Lisa Brown and Chris Marr is particularly impressive in the context of the innovation partnership zone grants. He remarked that the funding that WSU Spokane has received for buildings and programs highlights the excellence of the City of Spokane and the partnership we are building. He further mentioned that Greater Spokane, Inc., is also a collaborative partner and that CEO Rich Hadley has been instrumental in forging these collaborative efforts across the whole expanse of what happens in Spokane and especially on the Riverpoint Campus. He added that Marty Dickinson, President of the Downtown Spokane Partnership, is also part the success story in Spokane especially in the downtown master plan efforts. He thanked and commended our federal delegation and said that they have made a significant investment in sleep research, the applied sciences laboratory, and GigaPOP investment relative to technology. He said that at a recent meeting he attended, our delegation was characterized as the fourth most influential delegation in Washington,

D.C. He said that there is no doubt we have significant leaders, and their commitment to what we are doing here in the state and especially under the flag of WSU has been monumental. He said that we are going to continue to do exactly what we've committed to do in this community which is to continue to focus in the context of the health sciences. Lastly, he said that we also will continue to work as collaborative partners with our local entities whether those are in Spokane, Tri-Cities, or in Vancouver. He said those relationships are important for the institution both now and in to the future.

3. Minutes. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the minutes of September 4, 2009. 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, Foundation Board of Governors, and the WSU Alumni Association—reviewed their reports as submitted. Vice President Wilson-Hale reported for the Foundation Board of Governors Chair, Bob Felton, who was also unable to attend. *(Individual written reports may be found on-line at the Board of Regents website or requested from the President's Office.)*

5. Focused Discussion from the WSU Spokane Chancellor. Chancellor Pitcher provided the Regents with an update on the Riverpoint Campus. He reviewed the community's vision for the University District as "A live/learn/work/play confluence of innovation, discovery, entrepreneurship, scholarship, and neighborhood development that provides an ongoing stream of economic growth and business opportunity for the region." He also provided a master plan update for WSU Spokane, including details on the future direction of Health Sciences at WSU Spokane and the concept of the Healthcare Campus of the Future. Additionally, Dr. John Roll, Associate Dean for Research with the College of Nursing, provided a presentation on the College of Nursing Program of Excellence in Rural Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment; and Dr. Ken Roberts, Director of the WWAMI Medical Education Program, provided a presentation on Health Professions Education and Medical Research.

6. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report. Regent Harold Cochran reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee heard brief reports from Chancellor Carwein of WSU Tri-Cities and Chancellor Dengerink of WSU Vancouver. He also reported that Howard Grimes, Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, provided a report on "Graduate Education and Developing Leaders for the 21st Century." He further reported that Mike Tate, Vice President for Student Affairs, Equity and Diversity updated the Regents on how the offices of Counseling and Testing Services and Health and Wellness Services are enhancing student health and safety at Washington State University.

7. External Affairs Committee Report. Regent Fran Forgette chaired the External Affairs Committee on behalf of Regent Ted Baseler, who was unable to attend. Regent Forgette reported that the Committee received a progress report from Brenda Wilson-Hale, Vice President for University Development and CEO of the WSU Foundation. He also reported that Tim Pavish, Vice President for University Relations, provided an update on the University Relations organizational structure, as well as previewed the upcoming public service announcements that will be launched in the very near future. He noted that these new spots feature WSU research in biofuels, animal/human health, antimatter, and drought-tolerant crops. Lastly, Regent Cochran reviewed the action item on the 2010 Supplemental Budget Request addressing the need for funding Phase I of the Core Computer Systems which will target systems used for student support areas such as admissions, advising, enrollment management, financial aid, housing and dining and library services.

The Board took action on the following:

2010 Supplemental Budget Request. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the 2010 Supplemental Budget Request to address the emergent need for funding the Core Computer Systems – Phase I-Student Systems. Carried.

8. Finance and Audit Committee Report. Regent Scott Carson reported that the Committee reviewed the action items concerning the WSU Pullman Veterinary Medical Research Building, the School for Global Animal Health Building in Pullman, and the Revenue Bond Resolution, as well as the future actions to select a general contractor/construction manager for Phase I of the Biomedical and Health Sciences Building on the Spokane Riverpoint Campus, and an action to add an amendment to the Voluntary Investment Program as part of the WSU Retirement Plan. Additionally, he called upon Ms. Bobbie Ryder from Capital Planning and Development, who provided a presentation on the master plan for the Arboretum and Wildlife Research Center. Lastly, he reported that the Committee heard from Internal Auditor Heather Lopez on the 2009 Fiscal Year-End Audit Report and the upcoming State Auditor's entrance conference.

The Board took action on the following:

WSU Spokane Veterinary Medical Research Building (REC 4) General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) Selection. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents delegate authority to the President or his designee, to utilize the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) process pursuant to RCW 39.10, select a GC/CM, and award contract(s), provided a Maximum Allowable Construction Cost (MACC) can be established within the funds available. Carried.

WSU Pullman, School for Global Animal Health Building, Phase I, Revised Schematic Design. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the revised Schematic Design and grant authorization to proceed, provided a Maximum Allowable Construction Cost (MACC) can be established within the funds available. Carried.

Revenue Bond Resolution. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve a Revenue Bond Resolution to authorize the issuance and sale of bonds to finance construction of Vancouver Applied Technology Classroom, Veterinary Medicine Research Building (REC 4), and Global Animal Health in [Exhibit A](#). Carried.

9. Adjournment. In closing, Chair Worthy announced that the next Regents' Meeting would be held in Pullman, November 19-20. The Board of Regents meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

10. October 8, 2009, Executive Session. On Thursday, October 8, Chair Mike Worthy convened the Board of Regents in open meeting at 3:45 p.m. Other Regents present were Regents Scott Carson, Harold Cochran, Elizabeth Cowles, Fran Forgette, Connie Niva, Rafael Stone, and Kasey Webster. Also present was Assistant Attorney General Sylvia Glover.

Chair Worthy then called an Executive Session, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, to discuss current and potential litigation matters and to review the performance of a public employee. Following the discussion, which lasted thirty-five minutes, Regent Worthy reconvened in open session and adjourned the meeting. The Regents took no final action on any matter as a result of the session.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held November 19, 2009, at the Compton Union Building, Room 205, Pullman, Washington.

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents