# MINUTES Board of Regents January 27, 2023

The Board of Regents of Washington State University (WSU or University) met pursuant to call in Open Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023, at WSU Pullman Lighty Student Services Building, Room 401, Pullman, Washington.

Present: Marty Dickinson, Chair; Present via teleconference Regents Brett Blankenship, Enrique Cerna, Reanne Chilton, Judi McDonald, Jenette Ramos, Heather Redman, Lisa Schauer, John Schoettler, and President Kirk H. Schulz.

#### I. OPENING

A. Report from the Chair of the Board of Regents. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order and welcomed audience members. Chair Dickinson announced that the Regents and the presenters would participate in the meeting over Zoom. Chair Dickinson further announced members of the public were invited to view the Board of Regents meeting via YouTube live stream, and a link to the live stream was available on the Board of Regents website.

Chair Dickinson recognized Regent Jenette Ramos for having recently been selected to receive the Most Influential Filipina Women in the World Award from the Filipina Women's Network at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Filipina Leadership Global Summit in Lisbon, Portugal. The award honors Filipina women for outstanding work in their respective fields, who are recognized for their leadership and achievements in the global workplace, and who are changing the face of leadership in the local communities.

Chair Dickinson reminded the audience that there would be a public comment period during the meeting to be held at the conclusion of the Board's regular business and stated that the period would last for up to 10 minutes. She noted that each speaker would be allowed two minutes, and preference would be given to speakers speaking to matters that are or will be before the Board.

**B.** Report from the President of the University. President Schulz welcomed the audience and provided the following updates:

**University Leadership Updates** – President Schulz announced WSU had hired Leslie Brunelli from the University of Denver as its new Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration. Ms. Brunelli has over 25 years of experience and is a well-respected voice in higher education and finance. Prior to her position at the University of Denver, she previously served the University of South Carolina as the Vice President for Finance. Ms. Brunelli's official start date is May 1, 2023.

President Schulz reported WSU Spokane Chancellor Daryll DeWald has extended his contract through June of 2027 and has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Health Sciences. President Schulz said over Dr. DeWald's last five years as chancellor and three years as vice president of health sciences, he has done an incredible job supporting the WSU Spokane

community and expanding the health sciences to ensure that we are able to provide muchneeded health care throughout the state of Washington.

WSU Everett & Everett Community College Degree Partnership Program – President Schulz reported in an effort to improve accessibility across post-secondary education, WSU Everett and Everett Community College are partnering to establish a Degree Partnership program, the first of its kind in the State of Washington. The program will allow students to take classes at both WSU Everett and Everett Community College, use facilities and services at both locations, seamlessly transfer credits, and combine credits to receive financial aid. Modeled after a similar program launched by Oregon State and Linn-Benton Community College – a recent study showed those students take fewer credits, save money, have higher GPAs and graduation rates, and avoid unnecessary student debt.

**NASH Membership** – President Schulz reported WSU is taking part in a nationwide effort to increase degree completion, improve social mobility, and decrease student debt. The National Association of System Heads (NASH) will lead the effort to assure those questioning the value of a college education, particularly as the cost of living continues to rise, that it is worth it. President Schulz said this is a fantastic opportunity to work collaboratively in a space that we all care about to improve student outcomes.

Recognizing Martin Luther King Day and National Day of Racial Healing – President Schulz reported WSU honored the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by kicking off a systemwide book drive to give the gift of reading to commonly overlooked individuals and settings. A small but significant way for our students, faculty, and staff to give back and get involved in their communities. President Schulz reported the Center for Civic Engagement also held a food drive at a local Safeway in Pullman and was able to donate nearly 800 pounds of food to the Cougar Food Pantry and Community Action Center. He said he was also very proud that WSU hosted our first National Day of Racial Healing on January 17. The National Day of Racial Healing on January 17<sup>th</sup> was intended to inspire culturally and racially sensitive practices and conversations. There were several systemwide, virtual, and in-person opportunities for our campus communities to engage, including yoga, mindfulness workshops, drum circles, and drop-in counseling. President Schulz said he was proud of our diversity, equity, and inclusion leaders who helped coordinate these events and that this work goes a long way in creating a community of belonging.

Institute for Northwest Energy Futures — President Schulz reported that in December, Governor Jay Inslee visited the WSU Tri-Cities campus to express his support for the Institute for Northwest Energy Futures and to preview his budget priorities for the 2023-2025 biennium. The Governor has included \$7.7M in his budget to fund the institute and support office and lab space acquisition, and eight scientists with graduate students and support staff. The mission of the Institute for Northwest Energy Futures is to address the growing demand for clean energy by providing research and analysis that will take a systems approach and integrate new technologies with pre-existing ones. President Schulz said this work would also consider the social implications of these technologies and expand the great relationship WSU has with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL).

C. Report from the WSU Global Chancellor. Chancellor Dave Cillay provided the Regents with a brief history of the development and evolution of the WSU Global campus. WSU began offering distance degree programs in 1992 and its first online courses in 1997. The Distance Degree Program moved to fully online in 2006, and WSU accepted its first online freshmen in 2010. In 2012 WSU's Global campus became WSU's fifth campus and hosted the first Global Campus virtual commencement in 2021. Chancellor Cillay further provided enrollment and programming updates.

#### D. Commendation for Vice President for Information Services and CIO Sasi Pillay

Chair Dickinson read Board of Regents resolution #231027-678 commending Vice President for Information Services and CIO Sasi Pillay for his service to the Board of Regents and WSU.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopts resolution #231027-678. Carried. (A copy may be requested from the President's Office.)

#### II. CONSENT AGENDA.

Chair Dickinson reported that there were two items on the Consent Agenda.

- A) Approval of Minutes November 18, 2022, Board of Regents Meeting
- B) Proposed Re-Designation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree from a Graduate to a Professional Degree

Chair Dickinson asked if any Regent wished to remove an item on the Consent Agenda to be considered separately. Hearing no requests, it was moved and seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved. Carried.

- III. REPORTS FROM SHARED GOVERNANCE GROUPS. Representatives from each University Shared Governance Group—Foundation Board of Directors, Alumni Association, Faculty Senate, WSU Associated Students of Washington State University Global, Graduate and Professional Student Association, and the Administrative and Professional Advisory Council—reviewed their reports as submitted. (*Exhibit A*)
- V. STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT. Regent Schoettler reported that the Strategic and Operational Excellence Committee reviewed and discussed a presentation on Emergency Management and Preparedness presented by WSU Police Chief Gary Jenkins and Directors Shawn Ringo and Jason Sampson. He further reported the Committee was provided with a Legislative Review Update presented by Vice President and Chief Legislative Officer of External Affairs and Government Relations Colleen Kerr, Assistant Vice President for Federal Engagement and Advocacy and Executive Director of WSU DC Glynda Becker-Fenter and a System Strategic Plan Progress Report presented by Vice President for Strategy, Planning, and Analysis Christine Hoyt.
- VI. ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT. Regent Cerna reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee reviewed two Future Action Items: Proposed Re-Designation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree from a Graduate to a Professional Degree presented by Provost and WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton and Proposed Amendments to WAC 504-24 –

Policies and Regulations for Student Living Groups presented by Provost and WSU Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton and Vice Chancellor. Following Board discussion, the Committee recommended Future Action Item - Proposed Re-Designation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree from a Graduate to a Professional Degree be moved to the January 27, 2023, Consent Agenda for the Board's consideration.

VII. FINANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. Regent Schauer reported that the Finance and Compliance Committee reviewed and discussed three Information Items: Athletic Budget Update presented by Senior Associate Athletic Director and CFO Brent Meyer and Deputy Director of Athletics Anne McCoy, Academic Year 2023-2024 Tuition Rates presented by Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Matt Skinner and Executive Director Kelley Westhoff, and WSU Pullman, Revision of Housing Pricing Structure Presented by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ellen Taylor, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Linda McDermott, and Residence Life and Housing Director Meg Autrey. Regent Schauer further reported that the Committee reviewed two Action Items and forwarded the following for the Board's consideration:

#### WSU Pullman, Champions Center - Design Phase Approval

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution #230127-676 and authorize the WSU Pullman, Champions Center project to proceed to the design phase using the Design-Build (DB) process pursuant to RCW 39.10 and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the design phase with a total cost not to exceed \$2,000,000 as proposed. Carried (Exhibit B)

## WSU Spokane, Medicine Building Renovation – Project Budget Increase

Chair Dickinson noted for the record that it was decided that this item will be presented as an Action Item rather than a Future Action Item, in accordance with Board of Regents Bylaw II.12.B.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents adopt resolution #230127-677 and approve an increase of \$1,000,000 in the project budget for the WSU Spokane, Medicine Building Renovation and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the new budgeted amount of \$16,000,000 as proposed. Carried (Exhibit C)

- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS. No other business.
- **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.** WSU student Gil Rezin commented to the Board requesting WSU divest from fossil fuels.
- X. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held on March 10, 2023.

Signed copies available from the System President's Office

EXHIBIT A Board of Regents January 27, 2023

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Foundation Board of Regents Report

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Connell, Vice President of Advancement & CEO, WSU Foundation

The Washington State University Foundation is pleased to report the following:

- As of December 31, 2022, generous alumni and friends have contributed \$52,962,132 in total philanthropic activity to benefit Washington State University faculty, students, research, and outreach system-wide during Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 June 30, 2023). Proposal activity and collaborations with internal and external stakeholders continue at a high level. We anticipate making multiple major gift announcements in quarters three and four of FY2023. In addition, the endowment market value was \$643,936,782 as of November 30, 2022.
- The customer relationship management (CRM) database currently in use at the WSU Foundation has long been obsolete. As planning for WSU's third comprehensive fundraising campaign began, the WSU Foundation prioritized the conversion of its CRM database to ensure it can support WSU's increasingly sophisticated fundraising and alumni engagement operation. This represents a significant but critical infrastructure investment for the WSU Foundation. Since October 2019, the WSU Foundation has hired 11 fulltime information technology and data records positions and more than \$650,000 to convert its current CRM system with the latest version of Ellucion CRM Advance. WSU Advancement will start the transition to the new CRM system as early as March 2023, with user trainings and orientation of our teams to the new system to occur through Spring 2023.
- Recognizing that a considerable number of WSU alumni and donors either reside fulltime or visit a second home in Arizona and Southern California during the winter months, WSU and WSU Advancement are growing our philanthropic engagement strategy and presence in the Desert Southwest. In alignment with this strategy and in conjunction with more than a week's worth of alumni and donor engagements and activities in the region, the WSU Foundation will host its annual Board of Director's Retreat in Scottsdale, Arizona, February 15-16, 2023.
- Washington State University is the host institution for the 2023 Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VIII Conference in Bellevue, WA, February 8-10. CASE is the leading professional association for education advancement internationally, with District VIII comprised of member institutions throughout the Northwest, Alaska and the seven western-most Canadian providences. WSU Advancement is committed to investing in the recruitment, professional development, and networking opportunities that will help ensure our teams are positioned to optimize philanthropic success to advance WSU's mission, vision, and goals.

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Alumni Association Report

SUBMITTED BY: Mark Schuster, WSUAA President 2022-2023

Mariah Maki, WSUAA Executive Director

#### **Leveraging Alumni Expertise Across All Campuses**

The Women's Leadership Summit- one of our annual virtual signature events- will be held on February 24, 2023 and will feature graduates from each WSU campus. While we are still confirming the full slate of panelists, as of Jan 13, we are pleased to announce Elizabeth Schenk (WSU Spokane), executive director of Environmental Stewardship at Providence, Savanna Navarro Kresse (WSU Tri-Cities), acting manager of the Racial Equity Unit at the Washington State Office of the Attorney General, and Shavenor Winters (WSU Vancouver), northwest regional manager of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. We encourage watch parties and live Q&A sessions to create online and inperson connections across the One WSU system. Those interested in attending may register at alumni.wsu.edu/WLS2023.

#### **Cougs Collaborating Systemwide**

The Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl **PreGame** was a fantastic example of expanding the WSU brand of excellence to a wider audience of Cougars. We were able to cross promote and support Alumni Association, Foundation and Athletic events for the week in LA, as well as holding watch parties across the country and on several campuses. We appreciate the support from each of the WSU Chancellors, as well as several of you, who made it a point to attend and connect with WSU alumni throughout the weekend.

WSU is headed south to the desert this spring! Held in conjunction with the WSU Foundation Board of Directors' retreat, **WSU Evening with Leadership** will be held in Scottsdale on February 16. The program will feature President Schulz and WSU leadership. On March 5, **Cougars of the Desert** will be held in the Palm Desert, including golf, a social with special guest speaker, WSU Head Volleyball Coach Greeny, and a live auction with proceeds going directly to WSU student scholarships. We thank Student Affairs for their expanded support of this event and expect participation from several campus leaders and academic units at both sites.

**Reunions** are set for June 2-3, 2023. We are excited to welcome Cougs from 16 classes across all colleges. This program is a fantastic example of units across campus working together to create a memorable experience for our graduates. We will also pilot alumni engagement activity on the WSU Spokane campus this spring, and plan to expand the engagement to all campuses in 2024.

#### **Cougar X Coming this Fall**

The ninth in the limited-edition Cougar Collectors' Series by Wine-By-Cougars, Cougar IX, produced by Basalt Cellars, is almost sold out! WBC is pleased to announce that Five Star Cellars will create Cougar X, hitting the market in early fall.

Date January 27, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Update

SUBMITTED BY: Christine Horne, Faculty Senate Chair

The Faculty Senate is pleased to report the following:

The Faculty Senate Executive met with the president and provost on November 28th and January 11, and with the provost's office on December 15th.

Chris Hoyt, Vice President, Strategy, Planning, and Analysis, spoke to Senate (12/8/2022) about the evolution of the WSU strategic plan. Because faculty have expressed concerns about faculty mental health, we also invited Darrow Brown, Washington State Employee Assistance Program & Department of Enterprise Services, who shared information about resources available to faculty (1/19/2023).

We had several meetings with HRS regarding the rising WA state overtime thresholds and unionization of graduate students. We facilitated communication to faculty in order to support effective and appropriate faculty interactions with students.

We suggested to university leadership that, given the upheaval and uncertainties associated with Covid-19 and declines in enrollment, it would be helpful (and reassuring) to faculty to receive regular updates on WSU's fiscal health. We are pleased that President Schulz is open to this suggestion and look forward to working with leadership on these communications.

We are examining processes for reviewing new degree proposals to ensure clarity on expected outcomes, costs, implications for enrollment and the contribution of the proposed degrees to campus and system priorities, as well as to allow for more systematic assessment of proposals.

#### TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: The Associated Students of Washington State Global (ASWSUG) Report

SUBMITTED BY: Remy Plate, ASWSUG President & Christine Benjamin, ASWSUG Vice President

The Associated Students of Washington State University Global is pleased to report the following:

- **ASWSUG has maintained a fully staffed Executive Board**; The following individuals comprise the 2022-2023 Executive Board.
  - o Remy Plate, President (Located in Pullman, WA)
  - o Christine Benjamin, Vice President (Located in Chico, CA)
  - Alyssa Novelli, Director of Legislative Affairs (Located in Sequim, WA)
  - Joseph Braley, Director of Promotions (Located in Toronto, Canada)
  - Tanya Black, Director of Finance (Located in Kirkland, WA)
  - Amaris Cupples, Director of Events (Located in Enumclaw, WA)
  - o Noemi Yale, Director of Communication and Compliance (Located in Katy, TX)
  - o Courtney Wilkerson, Director of Academic Affairs (Located in Pasco, WA)
  - Vitor Moreria, Director of Diversity and Equity (Located in São Paulo, Brazil)
- **ASWSUG WSU Sporting Ticket Reimbursement**: Our students, particularly our PNW based students, often are looking for connections to WSU. Students in the past have expressed desire to attend WSU Football games. We have expanded our reimbursement selection to include reimbursement for one ticket each semester per global student to any WSU sporting event anywhere the Cougs play.
- **ASWSUG Student Book Club:** This is our second year hosting this program, run by our Director of Communication, to offer students an opportunity to get together and discuss a book of the month. The selection of books this year places emphasis on diversity featuring books written by authors of diverse backgrounds. We have seen the most consistent engagement in these book club meetings.
- Return to Annual Student Summit: ASWSUG is hosting its Annual Student Summit event in the Seattle area for the second time since the COVID pandemic. It is one of two in person events we will offer this year. Our focus is on leadership skills and career readiness. Presentations and activities include resume building, mental health awareness, headshots, and DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) in the workplace. Students can network with students they would otherwise not have met and learn invaluable career skills. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to learn more about Global Campus resources.
- Second Ever Hybrid Global Commencement & Reception: To celebrate our unique campus and provide them with an accessible commencement, Global will be hosting their second ever *hybrid* (in-person and Zoom accessible) commencement in the Everett, WA area. In addition to this commencement, ASWSUG will be hosting a dinner reception the night before for graduates and their families to celebrate our students' achievements and to give students an opportunity to meet their fellow online Cougs. We hope to make this commencement a longstanding Global tradition and, in the future, expand it to operate like other campuses and host graduates from the other campuses like they host Global graduates now.

In recognition of our distinctive model and student population these are the areas that ASWSUG will continue to place focus and advocate for further development:

- Academic Success & Engagement: Our students main focus and reason for selecting this campus is because the flexibility of online classes allows them to complete their work on their schedule. Students have expressed that they would like to see further development in their academic experience. This includes but is not limited to ensuring professors have proper literacy in the online platform, Open Educational Resources, and engaging forms of teaching. ASWSUG will continue to advocate for an improved academic experience for all Global students. Currently we focus on promoting all academic resources that students can access. Additionally, we offer a technology reimbursement to help offset the cost of specific technological items that students may need to complete their degree.
- Basic Needs: Just as other campuses our students have been impacted by the raise in tuition and inflation. Basic needs like childcare and cost of living will continue to be a major focus for ASWSUG initiatives. We currently utilize a reimbursement system to help offset the cost of basic needs for our S&A fee paying students. Our reimbursement program is one of our most utilized resources that we provide to students. We offer reimbursements in the following areas: Childcare, Grocery Vouchers, Mental Health and Wellness, Technology, Travel Grants, Honor Society Dues, Cap & Gown, and WSU Sporting Events.
- Connection to WSU: While fully in an online format Global students still want to have a deeper connection to WSU. ASWSUG will continue to advocate for greater connection through partnership with other campuses to provide resources, events, and experiences that are not currently offered via solely the Global campus. Additionally, ASWSUG will continue to offer and develop events and opportunities for our students to become further immersed in the Cougar Spirit like Reception and WSU Sporting Ticket Reimbursement.

#### TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association

Report

SUBMITTED BY: Samantha Jaurequi Edgerton, President and Executive Board Chair,

Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association

The Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) is pleased to report the following:

- GPSA filled all Senator seats during the fall semester. Senate meetings were a
  combination of in-person and virtual events, as graduate students tend to find Zoom
  easy to participate in extra-curricular activities such as GPSA. Attendance was overall
  excellent, and this Senate is passionate in their advocacy for their constituents.
- GPSA's Programming Committee hosted numerous events this fall on campus and in the community. In addition to our traditional events, such as the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social at Ferdinand's and Bowling Night at Zeppoz, our programming chair, Magda Kondaridze, and her committee showed initiative in reinvention and reimagining. They changed Restaurant Week in Pullman to different specials throughout the semester. They also hosted World Cup with the GPSA, providing refreshments to the first 50 attendees. There was a Halloween Contest at Rico's Public House and a successful GPSA Friendsgiving in Pullman and the Prosser Research and Extension Center. The Programming team also hosted a Mindfulness Week, offering a stress workshop and coloring session, to name just two activities. Trivia at Rico's on Thursday nights became a favorite of many graduate students, and GPSA provided discounted tickets to several home football games.
- Coug Day at the Capitol will happen on Monday, January 23. Eleven graduate students
  will attend this year, and even more, volunteered to participate. Our agenda includes
  support for tuition waivers for indigenous students at Washington public universities;
  affordable childcare; affordable housing; and compensation for undocumented student
  workers.

#### • Challenges:

- Two of our College Representatives resigned, one of whom is the Internal Affairs Committee Chair. We have the 2023-2024 GPSA elections coming up, so I will oversee the preparations for this along with the Internal Affairs Committee.
- Graduate student concerns about safety after recent events. Safety is a big concern brought to our attention, particularly among international students. I want to thank the WSU Police for their quick response to our suggestions, such as reviewing the possibility of installing CCTV cameras at all university graduate housing facilities.
- The GPSA Exec Board is looking for ways we, as leaders, can help re-establish a sense of trust among the graduate student community.



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**TO:** All Members of the Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** APAC Report

SUBMITTED BY: Angela Senter, APAC Chair PRESENTED BY: Angela Senter, APAC Chair

#### APAC is pleased to report the following:

- Monthly APAC meetings have been strongly focused on inclusivity and equity for all
  constituencies. We have been operating in a hybrid model with groups gathering in person and
  streaming locations and individuals together for real-time communications across the entire
  system.
  - We are actively auditing our non-Pullman communication plans to increase APAC awareness across the WSU system.
- 2. APAC continues to receive an average of approximately 75 live attendees to the monthly meetings. The topic focus for November was the upcoming new website launch and the updated brand standards. The speakers included members from the central marketing and communications team; Phil Weiler and Danial Bleile. We appreciate WSU Police Chief, Gary Jenkins for joining us as the APAC presenter for the December APAC meeting.
- 3. In November we hosted a community building activity for all locations in the form of a photo contest. We had 30+ entries from 4 campus locations (P, V, T, S). Award winners were announced at our December meeting and their photos can be viewed on our website. Winners received a Cougar Gold cheese round flavor of their choice to ring some holiday cheer.
- 4. The January meeting will focus on updates from Christine Hoyt, Vice President for Strategy, Planning and Analysis.
- 5. APAC is pending the finalization of special election candidates as outlined within the January 12<sup>th</sup> executive voting session to work toward filling any vacancies on the committee.
- 6. Congratulations to the 88 new AP employees added to the system in November and December!
- 7. Current constituent concerns that APAC is investigating resources for include:
  - o broader accessibility for the Employee Tuition Waiver Program
  - o access to end-of-life planning resources
  - o campus safety concerns
  - o overtime exempt classification changes.
- 8. APAC Staff Appreciation Week is set for April 10th-14th, 2023. A week of events, professional development, and AP Appreciation Awards for all locations are pending.

# **ACTION ITEM #1**

WSU Pullman, Champions Center - Design Phase Approval (Matt Skinner/Olivia Yang/Anne McCoy)

January 27, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Champions Center Design Phase Approval

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents authorize the WSU Pullman, Champions

Center project to proceed to the design phase using the Design-Build (DB) process pursuant to RCW 39.10 and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the design phase with a total cost not to exceed

\$2,000,000.

SUBMITTED BY: Stacy Pearson, Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

WSU Athletics is committed to providing students the tools needed to unlock untapped strengths. The department's mission is to unleash WSU student-athletes' passion on the field and in the classroom, and the Champions Center will have a profound impact on achieving this mission.

The challenges students face now and in the future are daunting. Providing services that meet student-athletes' holistic needs serves as a point of trust for them to help embrace these challenges. The four areas of focus include academics, mental health, nutrition, and professional development. Facilities dedicated solely to student-athlete academic growth and personal well-being are becoming commonplace and expected for NCAA institutions throughout the nation.

The Champions Center will centralize staff and resources into one building as well as provide more space, which is critical to student-athletes' growing needs for community service and professional development event initiatives. In addition, the Champions Center will enable WSU student-athletes to maximize their time and provide a home to receive a world-class educational experience, as well as deliver tools to develop the holistic growth of both current and future

student-athletes at WSU.

Over the last several years, WSU Athletics has successfully secured pledges and cash donations for this project. As of November 2022, there are \$5.8M in gross cash contributions received, with an additional \$6.9M in gross pledges outstanding over the next six years (both shown before fees, expenses, and allowances). To date, Athletics has received 45% of the total fundraising effort in cash. Gross cash contributions are projected to reach \$8.9M by December 2023 and \$12.7M by the end of December 2027. See attachment B. The projected total project cost will range between \$8M-\$12.7M depending on timeline and financing cost.

As noted above, Athletics is projected to reach \$8.9M in gross cash contributions (\$8.5M net contributions) by December 2023. WSU's Office of Finance and Administration has established a financial checkpoint for December 2023. When Athletics' cash collections has met the financial checkpoint, WSU will proceed with the Champions Center project in accordance with the schedule below. Finance and Administration and Athletics will work together to ensure the cash collections remain on schedule, continuing the project on a successful timeline.

This item was brought to the Regents as a future action item at the November 2022 meeting.

Date	Step
November 2022	Regents Future Action for Design Phase
January 2023	Request for Regents Approval of Design Phase
March 2023 — May 2023	Design Builder Procurement
Spring 2023	Design Begins
November 2023	Regents Future Action for Project Budget Approval
December 2023	Financial checkpoint: confirm that cash on hand target met
January 2024	Request for Regents Action for Project Budget Approval
Winter 2024	Construction Begins

# **DESIGN PHASE BUDGET**

Design and Preconstruction Services	1,800,000
Project Administration	100,000
Other	100,000
Total Design Phase Budget	\$2,000,000

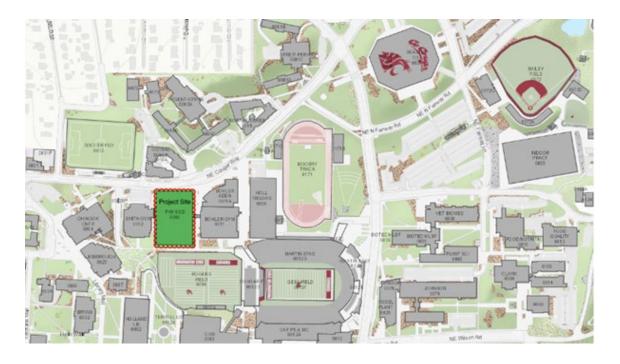
# **SOURCE OF FUNDS**

Donations	\$2,000,000

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A – Aerial Site

Attachment B - Champions Complex Pledge Schedule

# Attachment A



#### **Attachment B**



<sup>\*</sup>Gross cash contributions and pledges, before expenses, fees, and allowances

# BOARD OF REGENTS WSU Pullman, Champions Center - Design Phase Approval

# Resolution #230127-676

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.30.095, RCW 28B.30.100, and RCW 28B.30.150 vest the governance and management of Washington State University (WSU) in the Board of Regents of WSU (Board); and

WHEREAS, the Board, by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528, has the authority to delegate by resolution to the President of WSU, or their designee, any of the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has delegated broad authority to the President or designee to act in matters relating to the general business and financial affairs of WSU;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board approves the design phase for the WSU Pullman, Champions Center, and delegates authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the design phase of the project within the budgeted amount of \$2,000,000.

Signed the 27 <sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.	
	Chair, Board of Regents
	Secretary, Board of Regents

### **ACTION ITEM #2**

WSU Spokane, Medicine Building Renovation - Project Budget Increase (Matt Skinner/Olivia Yang/Daryll DeWald)

January 27, 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Spokane, Medicine Building (formerly Phase One Building)

Renovation, Project Budget Increase

PROPOSED: That the WSU Board of Regents approve an increase of \$1,050,000 in the

project budget for the WSU Spokane, Medicine Building Renovation and further delegate authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the new

budgeted amount of \$16,050,000.

SUBMITTED BY: Stacy Pearson, Vice President for Finance and Administration/ CFO

**SUPPORTING** 

INFORMATION: The renovation of the Medicine Building will relieve building pressure

amassing on the Spokane campus as academic programs and research activity grow and will support additional academic programming in the

health sciences.

The goals of the project are to:

• Provide a home for the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine (ESFCOM) by co-locating offices, student spaces, and classrooms;

- Provide appropriate classroom space, as well as testing, active learning, and breakout rooms to support ESFCOM teaching pedagogy and to meet accreditation requirements;
- Provide sufficient office space to allow for the full co-location of ESFCOM faculty, staff, and administration (or to the greatest extent feasible given existing conditions);
- Expand general classroom space for WSU campus use and modernize existing classroom spaces;
- Improve the entrance into the Medicine Building to create a focal point;
- Improve lighting at the two entrances and throughout the structure; and

Provide a new home for WSU campus security.

The University received \$500,000 for pre-design in the 2019-21 state capital budget and \$15,000,000 for design and construction in the 2021-23 state capital budget. The Spokane campus has received \$550,000 in philanthropic funds to finish out some of the areas within the project that are currently not being renovated.

In September 2021, the Board of Regents approved a total project budget for the renovation of \$15,000,000. Due to an oversight, the pre-design state-allocated funds were not included at that time. The proposed new budgeted amount includes the state allocation for pre-design as well as the new philanthropic funds.

Source of Funds	Amount
State (\$0.5M Predesign + \$15.0M Design/Build)	\$15,500,000
Philanthropic Funds (Complete some unfinished	\$550 <b>,</b> 000
spaces due to extreme escalation)	l
Total Funds	\$16,050,000

The project is currently scheduled for completion in June 2023.

# **BOARD OF REGENTS**

WSU Spokane, Medicine Building Renovation - Project Budget Increase

# Resolution #230127-677

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.30.095, RCW 28B.30.100, and RCW 28B.30.150 vest the governance and management of Washington State University (WSU) in the Board of Regents of WSU (Board); and

WHEREAS, the Board, by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528, has the authority to delegate by resolution to the President of WSU, or their designee, any of the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has delegated broad authority to the President or designee to act in matters relating to the general business and financial affairs of WSU;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board approves an increase of \$1,050,000 in the project budget for the WSU Spokane, Medicine Building renovation, and delegates authority to the President or designee to enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project within the new budgeted amount of \$16,050,000.

Signed the 27 <sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.		
	Chair, Board of Regents	
	Secretary, Board of Regents	