

MINUTES  
Washington State University Board of Regents  
January 24, 2025

The Board of Regents of Washington State University (WSU or University) met pursuant to call at the Sheraton Grand Seattle, 1400 6th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

**I. OPENING AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Lisa Keohokalole Schauer called the meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 8:32 a.m. Chair Schauer introduced and welcomed Regents Sam Hunt and Howard Wright.

Present were Chair Lisa Keohokalole Schauer, Brett Blankenship, Enrique Cerna, Sam Hunt, Judi McDonald, Doug Picha, Lura Powell, Jenette Ramos, Cassandra Vogel, Howard Wright, and President Kirk Schulz.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Regents heard from those who requested to provided public comment to the Board:

- WSU faculty William Engels, fossil fuel divestment
- WSU student Gil Rezin, fossil fuel divestment

**III. REPORTS FROM LEADERSHIP**

**A. Report from the Chair, Board of Regents.** Chair Schauer reported on the Regents' participation in campus and system events as well as engagement in opportunities to listen to WSU community concerns since November.

**C. Report from the President, WSU System**

President Kirk Schulz welcomed Regents Hunt and Wright to the board. He thanked Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Leslie Brunelli and financial team for their guidance on steady progress towards fiscal health, and shared that the WSU leadership team is ready to support the incoming president to be successful.

**D. Report from the Chancellor of WSU Vancouver**

Chair Schauer shared that this would be Vancouver Chancellor Mel Netzhammer's last campus update to the Board before his retirement in June. Netzhammer shared that the current WSU Vancouver strategic plan, set to expire in 2025, would be extended one year to allow the incoming chancellor space to set a new strategic vision. Netzhammer also highlighted strategic plan goal progress in the areas of research, student success, infrastructure for resilience and growth, equity and inclusion, and community engagement.

#### **IV. REPORTS FROM SHARED GOVERNANCE GROUPS**

The following representatives from the University Shared Governance Groups provided an update on their respective areas:

- Associated Students of Vancouver President Jacob Winstead
- Graduate Student Council at Vancouver Chair Katie Clare
- Administrative and Professional Advisory Council (APAC) President Tony Burt
- Faculty Senate Chair Tracy Klein
- Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) President Ajay Barman
- WSU Advancement
  - WSU Alumni Association President Katey Koehn
  - Vice President for Advancement and CEO Mike Connell

#### **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Schauer reported that there were three items on the consent agenda:

- November 15, 2024 meeting minutes
- December 4, 2024, special meeting minutes
- January 13-15, 2025, special meeting minutes

Chair Schauer asked if any Regent wished to remove an item from the consent agenda to be considered separately. Hearing no requests, it was moved and seconded that the consent agenda be approved as submitted. Carried. Regent Wright abstained from voting as he was not present for the meetings presented.

#### **VI. ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Regent Picha reported that the committee reviewed and discussed three information items:

- Mission Moment: College of Veterinary Medicine presented by Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine Dori Borjesson;
- WSU System-Wide Retention presented by Provost and Executive Vice President Chris Riley-Tillman, Vice Provost for Academic Engagement and Student Achievement Bill Davis, and WSU Pullman Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Romando Nash;
- Presidential Delegated Authority Item presented by Riley-Tillman

Regent Picha further reported that the committee reviewed one action item and submitted the following for Board consideration:

##### **Honorary Doctoral Degree Nominees**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents confer Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Washington State University to the two nominees. (Exhibit A)

## **VII. EXECUTIVE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Schauer reported that the committee reviewed and discussed two information items:

- Presidential Search Advisory Committee Update presented by Regent Ramos;
- Regent Budget Education – Navigating the University Budget Document presented by Brunelli and Assistant Vice President for Budget and Planning Chris Jones.

## **VIII. FINANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Regent Ramos reported that the Finance and Administration Committee reviewed and discussed eight information items:

- Internal Audit Update presented by Chief Audit Executive Heather Lopez;
- Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Financial Report, Trends and Debt Report presented by Brunelli, Senior Associate Vice President and Deputy CFO Matt Skinner, WSU Executive Director and Controller Angie Dobbins, and Eide Bailey Partner Kristin Diggs;
- Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Execution – Financial Performance Update presented by Brunelli, Skinner, and Assistant Vice President for Budget and Planning Chris Jones;
- Business and Financial Services Update presented by Brunelli and Skinner;
- FY26 Budget Development – Government Relations presented by Brunelli and Vice President for External Affairs and Government Relations Glynda Becker-Fenter;
- Regent Budget Ad Hoc Committee Update presented by Regent Cerna and Brunelli;
- Regent Financial Advisory Ad Hoc Committee for Health Sciences Update presented by Regent Picha, Brunelli, and Executive Vice President and Chancellor of WSU Health Sciences Daryl DeWald;
- Cougar Athletics Financial Update presented by Brunelli, Assistant Vice President for Business and Financial Services and Athletics CFO Jon Haarlow, and Athletics Director Anne McCoy.

Regent Ramos further reported that the committee reviewed and discussed twelve future action items:

- Proposed Academic Year 2025-2026 Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine Tuition Rates presented by Brunelli and DeWald;
- WSU Pullman, Housing and Dining Rates for Academic Year 2025-2026 presented by Brunelli, Nash, and WSU Global Campus Chancellor and WSU Pullman Chancellor David Cillay;
- Service and Activities Fee Rate Changes for Academic Year 2025-2026 presented by Brunelli and Nash;
- Services and Activities Fee Committee Allocations for Summer 2025 and Academic Year 2025-2026 presented by Brunelli and Nash;

- WSU Pullman proposed Chinook Student Center Mandatory Student Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli, Nash, Cillay, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Operations – Dining and Housing Sean Greene;
- WSU Pullman proposed Compton Union Building Mandatory Student Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli, Nash, Cillay, and Greene;
- WSU Pullman proposed Student Recreation Center Mandatory Student Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli, Nash, Cillay, and Greene;
- WSU Pullman Proposed Health Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli, Nash, Cillay, and Greene;
- WSU Pullman, Proposed Chinook Student Center Mandatory Student Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli, Nash, Cillay, and Greene;
- WSU Pullman, Proposed Compton Union Building Mandatory Student Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli, Nash, Cillay, and Greene;
- WSU Pullman, Proposed Student Recreation Center Mandatory Student Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli, Nash, Cillay, and Greene;
- WSU Pullman, Proposed Health Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli, Nash, Cillay, and Greene;
- WSU Spokane, Proposed Health Fee Rate Change presented by Brunelli and DeWald;
- WSU Pullman, Undergraduate Technology Fee Committee Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026 presented by Brunelli, Cillay; and Vice President for Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer Tony Opheim;
- WSU Vancouver, Technology Fee Committee Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026 presented by Brunelli and Netzhammer;
- Establishing Tuition Rate for University of Nairobi Joint PhD Biomedical Sciences Fee presented by Brunelli and Professor and Director of the Paul G. Allen School of Global Health Thomas Kawula.

Regent Ramos further reported that the committee reviewed three action items and submitted the following for Board consideration:

**Academic Year 2025-2026 Tuition and Fees – Professional and Self-Sustaining Degree Programs (excluding ESFCOM)**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve tuition rates for the Professional and Self-Sustaining Degree Program, Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Carried. (Exhibit B)

**WSU Pullman, Office of Research, Dodgen Hot Cell Facility – Project Budget Approval**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the WSU Pullman, Dodgen Hot Cell Facility Project, with a total budget not to exceed \$8,500,000, authorize the project to proceed to design and construction, using the Design-Build 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 project, within the budgeted amount (resolution #250124-725). Carried.

**Proposed Changes to WAC 504-36-020 health and Safety Regulations Control of Animals**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents approve the proposed revisions to the Washington Administrative Code Chapter 504-36-020 – Control of Animals. Carried. (Exhibit C)

**IX. STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE REPORT.** Committee Chair Regent Dickinson reported that the committee reviewed and discussed two information items:

- Integrated and Aligned Planning Update: Bridge Plane Discussion presented by Regent Dickinson and Vice President for Strategy, Planning, and Analysis Chris Hoyt;
- Risk Management Update presented by Chief Compliance and Risk Officer Sharyl Kammerzell.

Regent Dickinson further reported that the committee reviewed one action item and submitted the following for Board consideration:

**Regents Distinguished Alumni Award Candidate Review**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Regents designate Candidate R as the recipient of the Regents' Distinguished Alumni Award for 2024. Carried. (Exhibit D)

**X. OTHER BUSINESS.** Chair Schauer reported that on Thursday, January 23, 2025, the Regents met in Executive Session with legal counsel to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for public employment, consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase, and discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation, per RCW 42.30.110.

As a result of those discussions, Chair Schauer reported that regarding the topic of qualifications of candidates for public employment for the position of president, the regents would continue that discussion in open session. To protect the identity of the candidates, regents identified candidates by A, B, or C.

Each regent commented on the qualifications of the candidates and identified their preferred candidate.

It was moved and second that the Board of Regents delegate authority to Lisa Keohokalole Schauer, as the Chair of the Board of Regents, to extend an offer of employment as state law allows and to negotiate a contract with Candidate B, staying within the posted salary range and

benefits as stated in the Presidential Profile approved by the Regents, all with the understanding that any contract of employment must be approved by the Regents in open session prior to being effective. Carried. Regent Wright abstained from voting as he was not present at the candidate interviews.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting held on March 7, 2025.

*Signed Copies Available in the Office of the System President*



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Washington State University Board of Regents

**From:** Dr. Erica Weintraub Austin, Director, and Professor  
Edward R. Morrow Center for Media and Health Promotion Research

2024 Committee Chair, Honorary Doctoral Degree Committee

**Date:** January 23, 2025

**RE:** Recommendations for Honorary Doctoral Degree

Members of the Honorary Doctoral Degree Committee met to review eleven nomination submissions for Honorary Doctoral Degrees. After careful deliberation, the committee was pleased to present two outstanding candidates to President Kirk Schulz and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee for recommendation to the Board of Regents.

With the unanimous approval of President Schulz and the entire Faculty Senate Steering Committee, it is my honor to present to the WSU Board of Regents for consideration as recipients of an Honorary Doctoral Degree:

- **Candidate A** - Dr. Bonnie Jeanne Dunbar has spent their career in Aerospace Engineering and space exploration. A true trailblazer from eastern Washington, this candidate overcame significant barriers to achieve their educational and professional goals. With a career highlighted by advanced degrees and significant career accomplishments, this nationally renowned individual is not only a revered leader in the science of space travel but continues to serve as a mentor and a true inspiration to aspiring young scientists, especially those who must overcome barriers to achieve their goals.
- **Candidate B** - Gary Craig Foss has made tremendous contributions to science, to the state of Washington and to the student success mission of Washington State University. Their contributions to the Washington State Academy of Sciences, as a member and an aerospace engineer and technical fellow, have been energetic and sustained, even gaining momentum post-retirement. This individual's passion for helping students has impacted tens of thousands of students to date, through their involvement in regional, state, and international science fairs.

The Honorary Doctoral Degree is an award of the highest esteem to be awarded to individuals who have made a profound and enduring contribution to their field of scholarship and improved quality of life to society at large. Recipients are individuals of great integrity whose contribution will enhance the intellectual climate of Washington State University.



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Honorary Doctoral Degree Committee

The selection committee has determined these individuals have made tremendous contributions of significant impact locally, nationally, and globally. Their lives' missions continue to inspire our students at Washington State University and exemplify WSU's mission and Strategic Plan as a Land Grant University.

I respectfully present the supporting materials for these two outstanding nominations for your consideration and conferring of Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Washington State University in 2025.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Erica Weintraub Austin

Attachments

Exhibit B

**ACTION ITEM #1**

Academic Year 2025-2026 Tuition and Fees,  
Professional and Self-Sustaining Degree Programs  
(Leslie Brunelli/Chris Jones)

January 24, 2025

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Academic Year 2025-26 Tuition and Fees Rates, Professional and Self-Sustaining Degree Programs

**PROPOSED:** That the WSU Board of Regents approve tuition rates for the Professional and Self-Sustaining Degree Programs.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Leslie Brunelli, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration/CFO

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** State law authorizes the governing boards of the four-year higher education institutions to establish tuition rates. Tuition rates for all student categories except resident undergraduates may increase or decrease without limit.

As noted in the November 2024 Board of Regents future action item, tuition rate proposals for Professional and Self-Sustaining Programs are being considered separate from other rates. Each college has shared their proposed tuition rates with students and has given them the opportunity to provide feedback. You can review the student feedback by following the link provided at the end of the documents.

The current full-time annual tuition rates for academic year 2024-2025 are shown in the following table along with proposed changes for academic year 2025-2026. Please note that the rows highlighted in yellow are a change from the future action item presented at the November 2024 Board of Regents meeting. Tuition for the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine is being presented as a separate action.

Tuition Rates	Current	Proposed	Change	%Change
PharmD Resident	\$24,878	\$25,724	\$846	3.4%
PharmD Non-Resident	\$30,104	\$30,104	\$0	0.0%
DVM Resident	\$26,774	\$27,658	\$884	3.3%
DVM Non-Resident	\$62,378	\$64,436	\$2,058	3.3%
DVM 4th Year Resident	\$38,376	\$39,642	\$1,266	3.3%
DVM 4th Year Non-Resident	\$73,980	\$76,421	\$2,441	3.3%

More information supporting these tuition increases can be found here:  
<https://budget.wsu.edu/documents/2024/10/ay25-26-professional-tuition-supporting-docs.pdf>

## Exhibit C

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-07-031, filed 3/12/24, effective 4/12/24)

**WAC 504-36-020 Control of animals.** This section governs the control of animals and pets on property owned or controlled by Washington State University.

(1) This section does not apply to animals owned by the university or under its care, custody, and/or control.

(2) Subsections (3) and (8) of this section do not apply to trained guide dogs or service animals that are being used by persons with disability or service animals in training permitted on property owned or controlled by the university under RCW 49.60.040, 49.60.214, and 49.60.215.

(3) Animals are not permitted in university buildings, except in facilities that are the site of university-authorized events, such as stock shows, horse shows, parades, or demonstrations at sporting events, where the animals are participants in said events, or as allowed by university housing policies.

The executive vice president for finance and administration, the president, chancellor, or such other person as the president may designate, may waive this subsection (~~((for guide dogs in training or~~)), allowing university employees to bring service animals in training to their university workplaces, provided that such animals are present on campus with trainers or handlers who have a demonstrated history of training such animals.

(4) Animals are not permitted on university property unless under immediate control of their keeper, except as otherwise allowed under this rule.

(a) "Keeper" includes an owner, handler, trainer, or any person responsible for the control of an animal.

(b) "Under control" means the restraint of an animal by means of a leash or other device that physically restrains the animal to the keeper's immediate proximity. An animal which is otherwise securely confined while in or upon any motor vehicle, including a trailer, is deemed to be under control.

Trained guide dogs or service animals and service animals in training must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the animal's ability to do the work or perform the tasks for which the animal is trained or in training or the individual's disability prevents use of these devices. In that case,

the keeper must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or use of other effective controls.

(5) The requirement that animals be under immediate control of their keeper does not apply to:

(a) A dog being exercised in any area designated by the university as leash optional;

(b) A dog undergoing training at a certified dog obedience class on the university campus and authorized by the dean of the college of veterinary medicine, the executive vice president for finance and administration, the president, chancellor, or their designee;

(c) A dog while being exhibited in an organized dog show on university property;

(d) A dog trained to aid law enforcement officers while being used for law enforcement purposes or during demonstrations to illustrate the dog's capabilities;

(e) A dog trained and under the control of a university farm manager to aid farm managers while moving or handling livestock; and

(f) An animal participating in a university-authorized event, such as a stock show, horse show, parade, extension or outreach event, or demonstrations at a sporting, teaching, or agricultural event.

(6) Any stray dog or other animal that is running loose on university property is subject to impound by local authorities in accordance with the municipal or county ordinances that apply to each campus.

(7) The keeper of any animal must remove for disposal any fecal matter deposited by the animal on university premises before the keeper leaves the area where the matter was deposited. This requirement does not apply to an individual who, by reason of disability, is unable to comply, or to individuals bringing animals to university-authorized events where arrangements have been made for the removal of fecal matter.

(8) The executive vice president for finance and administration, the president, a chancellor, a service animal administrator, or such other person as designated by the president, may designate areas on a campus otherwise open to the public as restricted from access by dogs or other animals even when under the control of their keepers for safety reasons or where the presence of dogs or other animals conflicts with the educational or research missions of the university. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.30.150. WSR 24-07-031, § 504-36-020, filed 3/12/24, effective 4/12/24; WSR 10-21-025, § 504-36-020, filed 10/11/10, effective 11/11/10; WSR 08-24-026, § 504-36-020, filed

11/24/08, effective 12/25/08; Order 77-2, § 504-36-020, filed 8/3/77;  
Order 3, § 504-36-020, filed 8/5/71.]

**To:** President Kirk Schulz, Ph.D.

**From:** Jerry Martinez  
Chair, Regents' Distinguished Alumni Award Committee

**Re:** Recommendations for 2024 RDAA Recipient

**Date:** October 14, 2024

Members of the Regents' Distinguished Alumni Award Committee met recently to review nominations for the Regents' Distinguished Alumni Award (RDAA). Membership of the RDAA committee for 2024 includes a representative from the Faculty Senate, WSU Foundation Advocate, WSUAA Board of Director representative, Past President of the WSU Alumni Association, student representative, the Executive Director of the Alumni Association, and the Vice President of Advancement. The primary functions of this committee are to accept and screen nominations, and to recommend nominees to you for consideration and possible recommendation to the Board of Regents.

Update since September meeting:

- We have adjusted the verbiage for Candidate "S" to accurately reflect their Nobel Peace Prize recognition.
- The nominator was informed of the clarification and updated the letter of recommendation and their website to reflect the same language.
- The RDAA committee reviewed the revised nomination and agreed to proceed with the original candidates.
- Additional vetting of nominees has been implemented, including a bio sketch from WSU Foundation Prospect Management.

The committee respectfully recommends two candidates for your consideration.

**Candidate "R"**

- 1978 Graduate from the Edward R Murrow School of Communications
- Served as the Director of Creative Services at Microsoft
- Co-founded a Foundation dedicated to building equitable and prosperous committees through Washington, particularly in the Puget Sound region. The foundation is now guided by two goals: To break down the barriers that stand in the way of young people's success and to build up the environments where they learn, live and grow.
- "R" focuses on areas of work that are essential for young people to thrive: a safe and stable place to call home and access to an educational system that creates conditions for students to succeed. The Foundation looks for innovative opportunities to invest

in communities who are redesigning these systems in partnership with young people.

- A recent addition to the Foundation is the Resourcing Equity and Democracy (RED) portfolio, supporting infrastructure solutions guided by community leaders thinking about leadership, organizational structures, and philanthropic collaboration to bring about a revival of community organizing. The work will begin by co-developing an analysis of current organizing structures and will take counsel from youth organizers, veteran base-builders, and peer funders to guide our approach. RED will elevate, support, and fund organizations focused on building a more fair, representative, and effective democracy and civil society so everyone can thrive.
- “R” is a philanthropist, advocate, and executive who collaborates with communities, government, and business leaders to advance racial justice and equity in our country.
- With the mission to transform systems to serve marginalized youth, “R” has committed both time and treasure into innovate programs aimed at improving learning outcomes of K-12 and universities, expanding access to housing for vulnerable populations, and supporting the development of healthy economic ecosystems.
- Beyond their own Foundation, “R” has served on other boards including Giving Tech Labs, Equal Opportunity Schools, Schoolhouse Washington, and College Success. Through work on these boards, and in the community, “R” connected the organizations with large corporations such as Microsoft, Starbucks, Ford Foundation, and the Gate Foundation.
- A longtime advocate for research universities, “R” serves on the advisory boards for Stanford’s Graduate School of Education, Stanford’s Undergraduate Cabinet, and the “R” School of Computer Science and Management at the University of Nebraska. “R” is also part of the ownership group of the Seattle Mariners.
- “R” was recognized as a White House Champion of Change by President Obama for their work to prevent and end youth homelessness.

### **Candidate “S”**

- 1970 Graduate of the Honors College with a degree in Economics
- MA degree in Economics in 1971 and a PhD in Economics in 1975 from the University of Washington
- Principal Economist and Senior Staff Scientist, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Ret.)
- Member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), who won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change, which was shared with former Vice President Al Gore.
- 1975-1980, “S” was a research Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska Institute of Social and Economic Research. As a major contributor to the development of the Man in the Arctic Program econometric model of the Alaskan economy, funded by the National Science Foundation, the research included the economic impacts of oil and gas development, electric power demand and supply, financial modeling of state and local government, development of the Alaska Permanent Fund, interregional cost differentials in the state, demand for

recreational activity, and the founding of a U.S.-based trawl fishery in waters surrounding the state.

- In 1980, “S” moved to Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory in Richland. Working on a wide variety of projects, including electric power demand and supply in Alaska, Texas, the Pacific Northwest and the former Soviet Union, demand for depot-level repair and supply for the Army, commercialization of compact fluorescent light bulbs, and cyber security.
- Beginning in the late 1980s, “S” worked on the socioeconomic impacts of climate change in the subject areas of water availability and fisheries, agriculture, building energy demand, and human settlements.
- Around 1990, “S” became a key PNNL resource for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on socioeconomic and environmental justice impacts of nuclear facilities. “S” wrote environmental review guidance for NRC and worked directly on 17 licensing, relicensing, and decommissioning projects
- From 2007 until retirement in 2015, “S” led economics work for PNNL supporting the DOE Office of Building Technology Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, leading analyses and drafting components of DOE energy efficiency regulations. “S” lead or is a credited author of 300 journal articles, PNNL and government reports, and professional presentations.

On behalf of the RDAA committee, I am pleased to recommend these exceptional nominees for the Regents’ Distinguished Alumni Award.

Lastly, the committee discussed the chance that, in any given year, the pool of candidates would not accurately reflect the ideals pursued for the RDAA, the RDAA Committee recommends that the award not be given out that year in agreement with the Board of Regents.

Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask Mariah Maki or myself.

Attachments

cc: Tracy Jordahl  
Mariah Maki