

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
December 13, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peggy Zoro called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 3:00 p.m., December 13, 2012, in Old Main 340, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA.

Board of Trustees

Betti Fujikado, Secretary
Dennis Madsen
Joseph Meyer
Ralph Munro (via conference phone)
Karen Lee, Vice Chair
Sue Sharpe
Dick Thompson
Peggy Zoro, Chair

Western Washington University

Bruce Shepard, President
Wendy Bohlke, Assistant Attorney General
Stephanie Bowers, Vice President for University Advancement
Sherry Burkey, Associate Vice President for University Relations
Paul Cocks, Director, University Communications
Paul Dunn, Sr. Executive Assistant to the President
Ethan Glemaker, President, Associated Students
Catherine Riordan, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Karen Stout, President, Faculty Senate
Liz Sipes, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Steve Swan, Vice President for University Relations
Richard Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs

2. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. ETHICAL DECISION MAKING: LESSONS DRAWN FROM RECENT CONTROVERSIES

The Trustees of Western Washington University and the Board of Directors for the Western Washington University Foundation met jointly and with the leadership of the university to discuss shared responsibilities, concerns, and potential involving ethics, leadership and decision making. Dr. Craig Dunn, Associate Dean of the College of Business & Economics facilitated.

Dunn, an expert in ethical decision making, conducts ethics training both as a consultant and a faculty member.

Bruce Shepard, President opened the discussion by stating that ethical decision making is an important role for both of the Boards and the University President. Shepard noted that ethical decision making is also an academic study and part of our curriculum. Western has proposals to develop "Ethics across the curriculum," so that ethical decision making is studied in all disciplines.

Dunn led interactive discussion on several topics that require making ethical decisions. He cited recent controversial issues, e.g. Penn State, UC-Davis, and how those institutions failed in their ethical decision making. The Boards discussed the responsibilities associated with effective board governance, pressure from external stakeholders and respecting the institution's mission.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:15 p.m. Chair Zoro announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss personnel, real estate and legal issues as authorized in RCW 42.30.110. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:00 p.m. No action was taken.

Meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.