

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, November 6, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Karen Lee called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 6, 2015 in the Board of Trustees Conference Room, Old Main 340, at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington.

After Chair Lee called the meeting to order, she asked Trustee Sue Sharpe to run the meeting.

**Board of Trustees**

Karen Lee, Chair – *by phone*  
Sue Sharpe, Vice Chair  
Earl Overstreet, Secretary – *by phone*  
Betti Fujikado – *by phone*  
Chase Franklin - *by phone*  
John M. Meyer – *by phone*  
Mo West – *by phone*  
Seth Brickey – *by phone*

**Western Washington University**

Bruce Shepard, President  
Brent Carbajal, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Richard Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs  
Steve Swan, Vice President for University Relations and Community Development  
Molly Ware, Faculty Senate President  
Roger Leishman, Assistant Attorney General  
Paul Cocke, Director, University Communications  
Paul Dunn, Senior Executive Assistant to the President  
Elissa Hicks, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**2. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH UFWW**

President Shepard thanked all the members of the negotiation teams for their hard work, long hours and the respectful process. He introduced the faculty who were in attendance to support the contract, Dr. Chuck Lambert, United Faculty of Western Washington (UFWW) president and Associate Professor in Woodring College of Education; Dr. Kevin Leonard, Professor and Chair of the History Department; Dr. Mark Greenberg, Dean of Libraries; and Dr. Brian Burton, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Shepard said that this contract renewal was not simply a faculty contract but a contract between equal partners. He pointed out some of the highlights in the contract and asked for Chuck Lambert to report on the ratification vote from the union.

Lambert said that the UFWW members had a chance to review and vote on the contract previously that week and that the votes were tallied on Thursday evening with 97% voting in favor of approving the contract. Lambert then also thanked the negotiation teams and the administration for providing a five year contract to the faculty which they see as providing some stability during a time of change for the University. He also pointed out that a technical error was discovered in the contract late the

previous day and that there will be a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) for signature shortly to correct the mistake.

Trustees expressed their gratitude for all the hard work that went into the contract and negotiation process as well and for the way that they were kept informed of the process. Trustees commented that the contract seems fair and equitable for all involved. There were no specific questions regarding the contract from the Trustees.

Trustee Sharpe then asked Trustee Lee to make the motion to officially approve the contract.

MOTION 11-02-2015: Trustee Lee moved that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed [collective bargaining agreement](#) with the United Faculty of Western Washington.

The Board of Trustees authorizes the President or his designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board effective November 6, 2015, in keeping with the reserved authority in the Board of Trustees Rules of Operation, Section 2.3(h).

A roll call vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor of the contract. Trustee Brickey abstained from voting as required per RCW 28B.35.100(4).

**3.** The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.