

**Western Washington University
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 12, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Trustee Earl Overstreet called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 8:02 a.m., via Zoom. A quorum was established by roll call.

Board of Trustees

Earl Overstreet, Chair – *via Zoom*
Chase Franklin, Vice Chair – *via Zoom*
John Meyer, Secretary – *via Zoom*
Faith Pettis – *via Zoom*
Hunter Stuehm – *via Zoom*
Karen Lee – *via Zoom*
Mo West – *via Zoom*
Sue Sharpe – *via Zoom*

Western Washington University

Sabah Randhawa, President
Brent Carbajal, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Richard Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
Stephanie Bowers, Vice President for Advancement
Melynda Huskey, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services
Donna Gibbs, Vice President for University Relations and Marketing
Becca Kenna-Schenk, Executive Director, Government Relations
Jeff Young, Faculty Senate President
Noelani DeFiesta, Associated Students President
Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Paul Dunn, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Barbara Sandoval, Senior Executive Assistant to the President
Rayne Rambo, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 06-01-2020

Trustee Sharpe moved that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approve the following minutes:

- Board of Trustees Special Meeting April 7, 2020
- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, April 17, 2020
- Board of Trustees Special Meeting, April 28, 2020
- Board of Trustees Special Meeting, May 8, 2020

The motion was voted on by roll call.

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Sue Sharpe - Yes
Trustee Karen Lee – Yes
Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes
Trustee Mo West – Yes
Trustee Hunter Stuehm - Yes
Trustee John Meyer – Yes
Trustee Chase Franklin – Yes
Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.

2. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

"As I prepared my first chair report, almost two years ago, I wondered what could I say after two months on the job? The challenge as I prepared my last chair report was to find the words that would provide a meaningful framework for our discussion about social justice and challenges related to the pandemic. I think these words apply to both.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

These familiar words are from the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 2020 we will celebrate the 244th anniversary of the document that announced the birth of the United States of America. This vision statement for our country is a source of inspiration and guidance for me in this time of national crisis.

Our problems are both simple and complicated, but the need for better results is clear. The challenge is finding a path forward. Some problems can be solved by immediate solutions. Others are complex and systemic. Sustainable solutions to complex, systemic problems rooted in slavery will require hard work to develop and implement. We must recognize when time is needed to scrutinize solutions, but remain impatient with inaction, deflections or distractions.

Right now our emotions are high. This is expected and justified. We must channel the power of our anger, fear, disappointment, and sadness into constructive and sustained action.

Constructive actions include:

- Coalition building.
- Open, inclusive, and respectful communication.
- Education and research, leading to understanding and solutions.

Sustaining those actions requires:

- Informed citizen involvement in communications and accountability.
- Recognition that the work is never done.

I feel the pain of where we are, but our best days are ahead. The future that I dream about is within our grasp and I believe that together we will seize this moment.

The last sentence of the Declaration of Independence is a charge to the citizens of the United States of America. "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Working together, this is our moment, as united Americans and citizens of the world, to define and demand the future that delivers on the promise of our country, "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

This concludes my report."

3. CONVERSATIONS AROUND CORONAVIRUS AND THE LEGACY OF SYSTEMIC ANTI-BLACK RACISM

Trustee Overstreet opened the floor for everyone in the meeting to have a robust conversation and discussion around the coronavirus pandemic and the turmoil surrounding the brutal killing of George Floyd. President Randhawa shared his reflections on the value crisis precipitated by these events, and the need to view them in the broader context of deep social, economic, and racial inequities. He said the current unrest and violence create a renewed sense of urgency to listen to Black students and Black community members to better understand their daily experience, and make meaningful strides toward securing their physical and emotional safety.

The trustees engaged in frank and robust conversation with the regards to the impacts of the coronavirus and systemic racism. Trustee Lee noted that universities have a unique role in battling racism and systemic injustice and that Western must continue working to fulfill this mission with its students and the broader community.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AFFIRMING THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that Western Washington University provides access to transformational higher education for the people of the State of Washington, pursues justice and equity in its policies and practices, and supports the dignity of all students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, over the past several weeks we have again been reminded that police brutality and disregard for the lives of Black people is not only tolerated, but historically and intentionally interwoven in the social fabric of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the violent deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless others who have come before them are connected to centuries-long systemic inequities for Black people in the criminal justice system, healthcare, housing, employment, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes that our Black students, faculty, staff and their loved ones experience the daily realities of these inequities, and that the trauma of these recent acts of racial violence has been compounded by the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on the Black community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees stands in solidarity with the Black community, and wants our Black students, faculty, and staff to know that we see you, we hear you, and we care deeply about your future; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees maintains that affirming “Black Lives Matter” does not in any way diminish the value of other lives, but simply proposes the long overdue elevation of Black people’s lives to equal consideration with the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees supports the University Administration in its recent messages and actions to advance equity and inclusive success for Black students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees holds the University Administration accountable for making measurable progress on its stated strategic plan goals of increasing first-year retention and graduation rates for students of color and Pell Grant eligible students, increasing the overall percentage of students of color at Western to 30-35% and of faculty of color to 18-23% by 2025, and for increasing the representation of people of color among administrative and academic leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University affirms that Black Lives Matter, and that identifying and addressing the root causes of racial inequities in Western Washington University’s policies, procedures, and outcomes for our Black students, faculty, and staff is inseparable from the fulfillment of the institution’s mission and strategic plan, and to living up to its stated values and ideals.

PASSED AND APPROVED in open meeting by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its regular meeting on June 12, 2020.

MOTION 06-01-2020

Trustee Lee moved that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution 06-01-2020 to affirm that Black Lives Matter.

The motion was voted on by roll call.

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Sue Sharpe - Yes

Trustee Karen Lee – Yes

Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes

Trustee Hunter Stuehm– Yes

Trustee Mo West- Yes

Trustee John Meyer – Yes

Trustee Chase Franklin – Yes

Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.

4. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Randhawa expressed his gratitude for the open dialogue and the shared stories, experiences, and reflections from those in attendance. He thanked Trustee Lee for articulating that Western is falling short of its social justice goals as reflected in many of the key metrics for inclusive success, and though Western has made progress there is still a long road ahead in advancing these goals.

President Randhawa reported that work continues to provide students the best possible learning experience for the Fall quarter. He thanked Provost Carbajal and Jeff Young, Faculty Senate President for their leadership and collaborative work during the process.

President Randhawa concluded with a congratulations to the graduating class of 2020 and noted that the commencement ceremony would be held virtually to celebrate their success in these unprecedented times.

5. FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Jeff Young, Faculty Senate President expressed his thanks to the many people who provide for Western's students and make Western an outstanding institution. He thanked the Board of Trustees and the Associated Students Board of Directors for their leadership during these challenging times and for the shared governance that allows Western to move the needle on important issues. Young thanked the Western faculty and staff for their perseverance during the transition to remote learning and instruction.

Young reported that the faculty will continue prioritizing classroom climate and ensuring that social justice is intentionally incorporated into more aspects of the Western experience.

Trustee Overstreet thanked Young for his leadership and advocacy in his work with the faculty and students of Western.

6. ASSOCIATED STUDENTS REPORT

Noelani DeFiesta, Associated Students President reported that the Associated Students (AS) finalized a statement acknowledging its current and historical actions in perpetuating anti-blackness. She noted that the statement included a list of action items that included hiring initiatives, systemic education, creation of a coalition of black student groups, and calls for greater accountability within law enforcement.

DeFiesta thanked the Board of Trustees for their shared governance and said it had been an honor to serve as the Associated Students President.

Trustee Overstreet commended DeFiesta for her outstanding leadership during difficult circumstances.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

As per Amended RCW 28B.35.110, the Board of Trustees provided time for public comment. No one signed up for public comment.

Trustee Overstreet announced a ten-minute break at 9:27am. The board reconvened at 9:00am.

8. FINANCE, AUDIT, AND ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Meyer reported that the FARM Committee received an update on the financial impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic on Western, with the emphasis of the conversation centered around

planning for the FY2021 budget, which will be presented for approval at the October Board of Trustees meeting.

He reported that Chuck Lanham, Vice Provost for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer and Beth Albertson, Director, Information Security presented an overview of Western's Information Security Program. He noted that the highlights of the program include recent security assessment results, information security gaps and next focus. He added that the Board would receive a presentation on Information Security at Western at a future meeting.

Meyer detailed that Brian Sullivan, Associate Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs and Nicole Goodman, University Compliance Manager/HIPAA Privacy Officer – CHCO/Internal Controls Coordinator provided an update on the Semi-Annual Compliance Internal Controls report.

Meyer noted that this was his last meeting as Chair of the FARM Committee and that Trustee Pettis would be taking on the role as Chair starting at the August meeting.

9. STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Mo West reported that John Krieg, Director of Western's Office for Institutional Effectiveness, Sara Wilson, Senior Director of Student Success Initiatives and Steve VanderStaay, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education provided a data-rich presentation and conversation on student success metrics and retention and support strategies. West reported that retention and graduation rates at Western over the last two decades have been stable or have gone up slightly. She noted that the Office of Institutional Engagement surveys incoming freshman to gauge retention strategies and academic preparedness of incoming Western students.

West reported that VanderStaay reported on Retention and Student Success Initiatives with a focus on three specific initiatives that were inspired by Western's involvement in the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Retention Academy. These include: leveraging the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to more finely identify students who would benefit from increased services; a focus in Enrollment and Student Services to identify and eradicate institutional impediments to student success at each stage of a student's journey at Western; and a faculty development initiative that provides instructors with specific information about student achievement in their classes and teaching tools to close equity gaps.

Lastly West noted that Wilson reported on Student Support Services that have been updated for Remote Living and Learning and noted that use of services had increased due to the impacts of COVID-19. It was noted that Fall quarter planning has already begun to find the best paths forward in supporting Western students.

10. 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET AND RELATED MATTERS

Brent Carbalal, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and Richard Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs were joined by Becca Kenna-Schenk, Executive Director of Government Relations and Faye Gallant, Executive Director, Budget and Financial Planning provided an overview and engaged discussion pertaining to the 2020-2021 operating budget framework and planning process and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION 06-02-2020

Trustee West moved, that the 2020-2021 annual tuition operating fee and capital building fee rates for state-funded

resident undergraduate students, non-resident undergraduate students, resident and non-resident graduate, resident and non-resident MBA, resident and non-resident Clinical Doctorate of Audiology program, and the resident and non-resident Speech Pathology program be raised by 2.5%; and

FURTHER MOVED, that the 2020-2021 annual tuition operating fee for graduate programs in Clinical Mental Health and in School Counseling be set at \$11,216 for resident students and \$22,723 for non-residents, and the annual capital building fee rates for resident and non-resident students in this program be set at \$298 and \$711, respectively.

FURTHER MOVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President and various constituent review committees, approve the 2020-2021 mandatory student fee levels and distribution for the S & A Fee as proposed in the attached documents for the following fees:

- Services & Activities Fee (*No increase*)
- Student Recreation Fee (*No increase*)
- Student Health Services Fee (*No increase*)
- Student Technology Fee (*No increase*)
- Non-Academic Building Fee (*No increase*)
- Sustainable Action Fee (*No increase*)
- Alternative Transportation Fee (*3.6% increase*)
- Legislative Action Fee (*No increase*)
- Multicultural Services Fee (*No increase*)

The motion was voted on by roll call.

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Sue Sharpe - Yes

Trustee Karen Lee – Yes

Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes

Trustee Mo West – Yes

Trustee Hunter Stuehm - Yes

Trustee John Meyer – Yes

Trustee Chase Franklin – Yes

Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.

10d. iii. 2020-2021 SELF-SUSTAING ACADEMIC YEAR TUITION RATES

MOTION 06-03-2020

Trustee Franklin moved, that the 2020 – 2021 Self-Sustaining Academic Year Tuition Rates be raised to the following rates:

- Undergraduate Course/Workshop \$272 per credit,
- Graduate Course/Workshop \$346 per credit,
- Undergraduate Degree Program Courses \$315 per credit,
- Graduate Degree Program Courses \$375 per credit, and
- Weekend MBA \$757 per credit and

Further moved, that the Global Pathway Undergraduate Program tuition rate be approved at a flat rate of \$5,000 per quarter.

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Sue Sharpe - Yes

Trustee Karen Lee – Yes

Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes

Trustee Mo West – Yes

Trustee Hunter Stuehm - Yes

Trustee John Meyer – Yes

Trustee Chase Franklin – Yes

Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.

10e. APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 ANNUAL STATE OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION 06-04-2020

Trustee Pettis moved, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approve a preliminary 2020-2021 Annual State Operating Budget at the FY20 level of \$190,289,000 consisting of State Appropriations in the amount of \$90,534,000; WWU net tuition operating fee revenues of \$92,354,362; administrative services assessment revenue of \$4,995,217; and one-time funds of \$2,405,425; with the addition of \$886,000 in State Appropriations directed to lowering tuition rates for Western on the Peninsulas programs. At the October 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, the President will present the recommended operating budget for FY2020-2021.

FURTHER MOVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approve the 2020-2021 intercollegiate athletics preliminary operating budget at the 2019-2020 level of \$6,068,657 consisting of tuition and fees in the amount of \$3,470,416 and self-sustaining and other revenues of \$2,598,241, and with the intention to fund the operating deficit

for intercollegiate athletics, as defined by Substitute Senate Bill 6493, by continued use of tuition and fee revenues as it has in the past.

The motion was voted on by roll call.

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Sue Sharpe - Yes
Trustee Karen Lee – Yes
Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes
Trustee Mo West – Yes
Trustee Hunter Stuehm - Yes
Trustee John Meyer – Yes
Trustee Chase Franklin – Yes
Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.

10f. APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 HOUSING AND DINING RATES

Melynda Huskey, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services and Leonard Jones, Director of University Residences provided an overview of the proposed increase in Housing and Dining Rates for the 2020-2021 Housing & Dining System. It was noted that considering the calamitous impact of COVID-19 on the System's fiscal resources, the proposal responsibly responds to new financial pressures, and helps position the System for emerging needs and requirements. Huskey explained that like most years, a major influence for planning came from standards and expectations outlined in the Principles for Housing & Dining System. She noted that this budget recommendation meets those standards of necessary reserve fund balances, planned major maintenance, debt service coverage, and capital planning.

MOTION 06-05-2020

Trustee Stuehm moved, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon recommendation of the Residence Hall Association and the University President, approve the Housing and Dining rates as proposed. The 2020-2021 proposed rates call for a 4.0 percent increase in residence hall room and board rates and Birnam Wood apartment rental rates.

The motion was voted on by roll call.

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Sue Sharpe - Yes
Trustee Karen Lee – Yes
Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes
Trustee Mo West – Yes
Trustee Hunter Stuehm - Yes
Trustee John Meyer – Yes
Trustee Chase Franklin – Yes

Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.

11. 2021-2031 CAPITAL PLAN AND 2021-2023 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

Richard Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs provided an overview of the 2021-2023 Capital Budget Request. He noted that the Board reviewed a draft 2021-2023 Capital Budget Request in the Capital Program Report at the April meeting. Van Den Hul confirmed that the campus community including the University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) was able to submit input which lead to the document be presented for approval.

MOTION 06-06-2020

Trustees Meyer moved, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approves the 2021-2031 Capital Plan which includes the 2021-2023 Capital Budget Request from State-appropriated funding sources of \$97,289,000.

Vote by Roll Call:

Trustee Sue Sharpe – Yes

Trustee Karen Lee – Yes

Trustee Faith - Yes

Trustee Hunter Stuehm – Yes

Trustee Mo West

Trustee John Meyer – Yes

Trustee Chase Franklin- Yes

Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair – Yes

The motion passed.

Trustee Overstreet announced a ten-minute break @ 11:33am. The board reconvened at 11:40am.

12. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Richard Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs and Rick Benner, Director, Facilities Development and Capital Budget/University Architect provided an overview of the Public Works Projects presented for approval. Van Den Hul noted that this approval is the third in a series of four for Interdisciplinary Science Building project.

MOTION 06-07-2020

Trustee Franklin moved that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, award a contract to BNBuilders Inc., Seattle, WA, in the amount of \$2,050,230 (plus associated sales tax) for Bid Package #3 (Roofing, Lab Casework and Equipment) for the Interdisciplinary Science Building project.

FURTHER MOVED that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approve a change order and an amendment to the Progressive Design-Build contract with Lydig Construction, Spokane, WA, in the amount of \$1,697,000 (excluding associated sales tax) for the Ridgeway Commons ADA Accessibility component of the New Residence Hall project, bringing the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amount to a total of \$51,697,000 (excluding associated sales tax). Also that, the total project budget be increased by \$400,000 associated with the Ridgeway Commons ADA accessibility scope. The new total project budget shall be \$67,950,000.

Vote by Roll Call:

Trustee Sue Sharpe – Yes
Trustee Karen Lee – Yes
Trustee Faith Pettis - Yes
Trustee Hunter Stuehm – Yes
Trustee Mo West - Yes
Trustee John Meyer – Yes
Trustee Chase Franklin- Yes
Trustee Earl Overstreet – Yes

The motion passed.

13. APPROVAL OF SPRING QUARTER DEGREES

Provost Brent Carbajal presented the candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees for Spring quarter.

MOTION 06-08-2020

Trustee Stuehm moved, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, on recommendation of the faculty and subject to the completion of any unmet requirements, approves awarding undergraduate and graduate degrees to the candidates listed in the files of the Registrar and Graduate Dean, for Spring Quarter 2020, effective June 13, 2020.

Vote by Roll Call:

Trustee Sue Sharpe – Yes
Trustee Karen Lee – Yes
Trustee Faith Pettis - Yes
Trustee Hunter Stuehm – Yes
Trustee Mo West - Yes
Trustee John Meyer – Yes
Trustee Chase Franklin- Yes
Trustee Earl Overstreet – Yes

The motion passed.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. 2020 Affirmative Action Plan

Interim Vice Provost for Equal Opportunity and Employment Diversity, Title IX Coordinator & ADA Coordinator | Equal Opportunity Office, Drew Nishiyama provided an executive summary of Western's 2020 Affirmative Action Plan, and the impact of the new initiatives recently implemented, including the Provost's Diversity and Inclusion Hiring Initiative."

b. Academic Reports

Provost Carbajal provided a written report with an update on the status of the tenure-track faculty searches undertaken during the 2019-20 academic year and followed by spreadsheets showing the status of the TT faculty searches per college and other interesting information about Western's new faculty members

c. Annual & Quarterly Grant Report

Provost Carbajal provided a written report with information from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs concerning the quarterly and current grant awards at Western

d. Admissions and Enrollment Report

Vice President Huskey provided a written report regarding the university's general enrollment and admissions.

e. University Advancement Report

Vice President Bowers provided a written report on the University's Alumni Relations and Western's Foundation activities.

f. Capital Program Report

Vice President Van Den Hul provided a written report on the University's capital projects.

g. University Relations and Marketing Report

Vice President Gibbs provided a written report documenting recent activities of University Relations and Marketing.

15. RECOGNITIONS

WWU Student Award Recipients

Fulbright Scholarship
Darby Finnegan (Sweden) Anchal Sharma (Mexico)
NOAA Hollings Scholarship
Zofia Danielson
Goldwater Scholarship

Melody Gao
Gilman Scholarship
Summer 2019
Alexa Arminen - Gilman Scholarship - WWU Global Learning Program - China
Amelita Brown - Gilman Scholarship - CIEE Czech Republic
Fall/Academic Year 2019
Samuel Ewert - Gilman Scholarship - ISEP Exchange Finland
Lauren Besthoff - Gilman Scholarship - USAC Spain
McKenzie Clark - Gilman Scholarship - CIEE Jordan
Madison Lundin - Gilman Scholarship - CEA Costa Rica
Allison Graeser - Gilman Scholarship - ISEP France
Darrin Gordon - Gilman Scholarship - ISEP France
Winter/Spring 2020
Jacob Campabello - Gilman Scholarship - Wildlands Studies Ecuador
Kylund Prior - Gilman Scholarship - Wildlands Studies Thailand
Kyle Taylor - Gilman Scholarship - WWU Global Learning Program Senegal
Allegra Swanson - Gilman Scholarship - USAC Ghana

16. RESOLUTION 2020-02 RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF BOARD MEMBER HUNTER STUEHM

Trustee Overstreet presented the Resolution to honor the service of student trustee Hunter Stuehm. Overstreet highlighted Stuehm exemplary service as a trustee and explained that the COVID pandemic effectively shortened the terms of the student trustees role this year and made publicity and recruitment of new student trustees difficult. He explained that the Governor's office allowed eligible student trustees to re-apply for the next year's term, and that Trustee Stuehm had been unofficially re-appointed by the Governor to serve another year as a student trustee. He emphasized that the trustees agree that this is good news for Western as Trustee Stuehm has been an exceptional student trustee through difficult times. Overstreet highlighted that Trustee Stuehm has contributed to the future potential of Western through his insightful and articulate engagement in numerous policy discussions and decisions affecting the University and on behalf of the board he welcomed him into his second term as the student trustee.

Trustee Stuehm thanked the trustees for their leadership and said that he looks forward to serving another year as the student trustee.

17. ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE OFFICERS

Trustee Overstreet proceeded with the nomination of Board officers pursuant to the WWU Board of Trustees Rules of Operation, Section 5(.01) Officers and Terms. He noted that this section in the Rules of Operation states that the Board will elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary for two-year terms.

MOTION 06-09-2020

Trustee West moved that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University elect the new Board officers as nominated, to be effective at the close of this meeting:

- John Meyer, Chair
- Chase Franklin, Vice Chair
- Sue Sharpe, Secretary

The motion was voted on by roll call.

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Sue Sharpe - Yes

Trustee Karen Lee – Yes

Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes

Trustee Hunter Stuehm– Yes

Trustee Mo West- Yes

Trustee John Meyer – Yes

Trustee Chase Franklin – Yes

Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.

18. PASSING THE GAVEL

Chair Earl Overstreet officially passed the meeting gavel over to new Chair John M. Meyer.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:15pm the board went into Executive Session for approximately thirty minutes to discuss a personnel matter as authorized by RCW 42.30.110. No action was taken in executive session.

Trustee Meyer called the meeting back to order at 12:53pm for the Board to take action on personnel matters as authorized in RCW 42.30.11(g).

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
AUTHORIZING INDEMNIFICATION**

WHEREAS, a legal action, *Roger Leishman v. Washington Attorney General's Office et al*, has been commenced involving this institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Shepherd and Cyndie Shepherd, former officers and employees of the institution designated below have requested the Board to authorize their defense under RCW 28B.10.842; and

WHEREAS, the Board has made a determination that Bruce Shepherd and Cyndie Shepherd were acting in the performance of their duties and in good faith;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby specifically finds that Bruce Shepherd and Cyndie Shepherd acted within the scope of their authority and in good faith with regard to the conduct alleged by the plaintiff to be wrongful, and the Board specifically authorizes their defense and approves their indemnification by the State pursuant to RCW 28B.10.842.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its meeting on June 12, 2020.

MOTION 06-10-2020

Trustee Overstreet moved, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University approve resolution 2020-03, authorizing indemnification.

The motion was voted on by roll call.

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Sue Sharpe - Yes
Trustee Karen Lee – Yes
Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes
Trustee Hunter Stuehm– Yes
Trustee Mo West- Yes
Trustee John Meyer – Yes
Trustee Chase Franklin – Yes
Trustee Earl Overstreet, Chair - Yes
The motion passed.

20. DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2020

21. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.