

**Western Washington University
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 10, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Trustee John M. Meyer called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 3:01 p.m., via Zoom. A quorum was established by roll call.

Board of Trustees

John M Meyer, Chair
Chase Franklin, Vice Chair – *via Zoom*
Karen Lee – *via Zoom*
Faith Pettis – *via Zoom*
Sue Sharpe, Secretary– *via Zoom*
Hunter Stuehm – *via Zoom*
Mo West – *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
Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Paul Cocke, Director, Communication and Marketing
Paul Dunn, Chief of Staff to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Barbara Sandoval, Senior Executive Assistant to the President
Rayne Rambo, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

2. INCREASING WASHINGTON IMPACT: WESTERN'S COMMUNITY-SERVING CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Melynda Huskey, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services was joined by Shelli Soto, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Clara Capron, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services provided an overview of Western's Financial Aid team which carries the privilege and responsibility of awarding aid dollars to students, providing many with access to an education that they otherwise would not have. For the 2019-2020 academic year, financial aid disbursements exceeding \$144 million were awarded to 10,807 student financial aid recipients. (This compares to \$145 million in aid disbursements to 10,919 financial aid recipients the year before.)

- Grants: \$46.8 million
- Scholarships: \$23.8 million
- Student Employment: \$13.4 million
- Educational loans: \$59.6 million
- Miscellaneous: \$.4 million

It was noted that although some financial aid pays for expenses due and payable to Western on student accounts, a significant portion of financial aid is disbursed to students to pay for other educationally related expenses, such as rent and food expenses associated with living off campus, transportation, childcare, etc. Capron noted that financial aid is funding for student recipients as opposed to revenue to the University. She added that aid is disbursed to students in accordance with prescribed regulatory requirements, which includes application to specific charges on student accounts. She said there is often aid remaining after allowable expenses have been paid on student accounts and this aid is disbursed to students, which they use to pay for educationally related expenses that are not due and payable to Western.

It was explained that while this critical work to award aid is the centerpiece of the labor of that office, it is flanked by significant compliance demands, individual student service and counseling, regular outreach to current and prospective students, focus on FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) support, fairs and programming to raise awareness about additional opportunities for financial support, coordination of funding from multiple sources, study and application of the regulations imposed by each source, management of part-time student employment, meeting reporting requirements, and providing input to federal and state government agencies to improve financial aid programs and associated processes.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:33pm the board went into Executive Session for approximately an hour to discuss personnel matters as authorized by RCW 42.30.110. No action was taken in executive session.

Chair Meyer announced the board would go back into open session at 5:56pm.

Chari Meyer reported that the Board concluded their executive session during which they reviewed and discussed matters related to a tort claim against the University. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, he noted that the Board was prepared to take action.

MOTION 06-01-2021

MOVED that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University hereby authorizes President Randhawa and/or his designee(s), on behalf of the University and the Board of Trustees, to resolve the matter concerning Kathleen Ashburn, in consultation with Chair Meyer.

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 Chase Franklin – Yes
Trustee John Meyer, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.