



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04**

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

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT AND PRESIDENT  
AND CEO OF THE WWU FOUNDATION  
*STEPHANIE BOWERS***

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, **STEPHANIE BOWERS** was appointed Executive Director of the Western Foundation by President Karen W. Morse, and later the first Vice President of University Advancement, as a new division including the WWU Foundation and the WWU Alumni Association; and

**WHEREAS**, **STEPHANIE BOWERS** brought to her appointment leadership experience at the University of Maryland Global Campus, including as Executive Director of Development at Maryland's Smith School of Business, Assistant Vice President for Alumni and Development and Interim Vice President, and prior to that Alumni Director at the University of Baltimore; and

**WHEREAS**, **STEPHANIE BOWERS** received her Masters of General Administration degree from the University of Maryland Global Campus and a bachelor's degree in English from De Sales University; and

**WHEREAS**, under **STEPHANIE BOWERS**'s leadership the WWU Foundation endowment has grown more than eight-fold to \$123 million and total assets exceeding \$146 million, with annual gifts to the Foundation more than doubling and the number of students receiving scholarships having tripled; and

**WHEREAS**, **STEPHANIE BOWERS** has led several landmark fundraising campaigns, including the Western Stands for Washington Campaign, which, as the largest in the University's history raised more than \$62 million for WWU programs, student scholarships, and program enhancements; the \$20 million Building Washington's Future capital campaign, including a \$10 million gift toward the construction of Kaiser Borsari Hall; the \$10 million Student Success Campaign for student scholarships, study abroad experiences, and research and creative opportunities; and facilitated the gift of the Sculpture Woods art studio, grounds, and artwork to the University, along with two supporting endowments; and

**WHEREAS**, **STEPHANIE BOWERS** has provided exceptional leadership for the Western Foundation and University Advancement, transforming its capacity and vision for serving the institution with innovative public-private partnerships including those leading to the funding of the softball and multipurpose fields on South Campus, the sale of the Armory, and the acquisition of the President's residence, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, **STEPHANIE BOWERS** has been a deeply valued colleague on the University's senior leadership team, leading from the heart with compassion and integrity on and off-campus, leaving a legacy that will be reflected not only in strong teams and structures, but the high esteem and friendship of so many at Western and in the local and regional community; and

**WHEREAS**, **STEPHANIE BOWERS** completed her appointment as Vice President for University Advancement and President and CEO of the WWU Foundation on June 30, 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University offers thanks and commendation to **STEPHANIE BOWERS** for her many achievements and for her service as Vice President for University Advancement and President and CEO of the WWU Foundation.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its regular meeting on the 20th day of August 2021.

ATTEST:

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John M. Meyer, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Chase Franklin", written over a horizontal line.

D. Chase Franklin, Vice Chair