

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
DENNIS R. MURPHY**

**WHEREAS**, in July 2007, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** was appointed by President Karen W. Morse as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Western Washington University; and

**WHEREAS**, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** brought to his appointment as Provost one previous year of experience as Interim Provost; and twenty-three years of experience as dean of the College of Business and Economics, preceded by his service as program director of the Masters in Business Administration program; and

**WHEREAS**, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** also brought to his appointment twenty-eight years of experience as a professor of economics at Western Washington University, preceded by service as a faculty member at Emory University and Indiana University; and

**WHEREAS**, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** is a graduate of Western Washington University and holds graduate degrees from Indiana University; and

**WHEREAS**, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** proved a persuasive and informed advocate for higher education in Washington State during a period of fiscal and philosophical uncertainty; and

**WHEREAS**, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** provided exceptional university-wide leadership during a period of financial uncertainty and budgetary challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** provided guidance to the Academic Affairs unit during a time of significant transition which included the recruitment of three deans, one vice provost and one director; and

**WHEREAS**, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** has helped mentor a new generation of deans, vice provosts and directors, guiding with sage advice while modeling confidently executed decisions and the highest ethical standards of leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, under **DENNIS R. MURPHY'S** exceptional leadership, the university addressed a number of significant goals, including the completion of successful university-wide re-accreditation activities; the implementation of the initial faculty collective bargaining agreement; and the creation of new ways of measuring and reporting on institutional performance through the development of the *Dashboard* development indicators, participation in the Washington State Quality Awards reports, and organizational improvements in the area of institutional research; and

**WHEREAS**, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** put aside his own plans and wishes to continue his service to Western Washington University, its President, faculty, staff and students and has now completed his appointment as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and

**WHEREAS, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University hereby offers thanks and commendation to Dennis R. Murphy for his many achievements and for his service as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dated and signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

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Philip E. Sharpe, Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

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Dennis Madsen, Secretary