

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013 – 05**

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF**

***PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CATHERINE RIORDAN***

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, **CATHERINE RIORDAN** was appointed by President Bruce Shepard as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Western Washington University; and

**WHEREAS**, **CATHERINE RIORDAN** brought to her appointment as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs experience as Vice Provost, Assistant Vice President for Curriculum and Assessment, and member of the Psychology department at Central Michigan University; and

**WHEREAS**, **CATHERINE RIORDAN** brought to her appointment as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs experience as Director of Management Systems, Assistant to the Chancellor for Affirmative Action, Kellogg Fellow for the Missouri Youth Initiative at the University of Missouri-Rolla; and

**WHEREAS**, **CATHERINE RIORDAN** has served as a consultant for numerous commissions, advisory groups, committees within the government, private companies, published widely, and received numerous awards for distinguished teaching, advising, research, and service.; and

**WHEREAS**, **CATHERINE RIORDAN** received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University; and her doctorate from the State University of New York at Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, under **CATHERINE RIORDAN**'s exceptional leadership and strong commitment to student success and faculty development, Academic Affairs has unwaveringly focused on class access, transparency of processes and decision-making, decentralization of financial resources, team building within a strong dean model, and strategic planning; and

**WHEREAS**, under **CATHERINE RIORDAN**'s guidance, Academic Affairs increased capacity and infrastructure for internationalizing the curriculum and student body, led efforts to expand access to Western's programs with institutions in the community and technical college system, and encouraged responsiveness to campus initiatives and task forces, and strongly supported diversity and equity in the workplace and in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, **CATHERINE RIORDAN** is a highly effective leader noted for her vision, energy, commitment, candor and ever-present good humor, and has served with commitment and distinction as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and as a trusted member of the Western Washington University leadership team; and

**WHEREAS**, **CATHERINE RIORDAN** will be resigning from her position as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Western to pursue new adventures in the next stage of her life;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University offers thanks and commendation to **CATHERINE RIORDAN** on her many achievements and exemplary service as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its regular meeting on June 14, 2013.