



**RESOLUTION 2016-01**

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

**APPOINTING DR. SABAH RANDHAWA THE FOURTEENTH  
PRESIDENT OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**WHEREAS**, President Bruce Shepard announced in June 2015 his decision to retire from the presidency of Western Washington University effective June 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) appointed a Presidential Search Advisory Committee (“Committee”) chaired by Trustee Sue Sharpe, charging the Committee with the responsibility for conducting a nationwide presidential search and for reviewing the qualifications of applicants for the presidency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee, with the assistance of Greenwood-Asher and Associates, executive search consultants, conducted extensive campus-wide and community stakeholder listening sessions and surveys to collect input from university and off-campus stakeholders regarding personal and professional qualities, challenges and opportunities for the next president of Western Washington University; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee received and considered application materials from 75 candidates, interviewed 18 candidates and transmitted to the Board all the applications with the recommendation that the Board focus particular attention on five of those candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board considered all 75 candidates and conducted interviews of the five candidates recommended by the Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2015, the Board identified Dr. Sabah Randhawa, Provost and Executive Vice President of Oregon State University, as the Boards’ preferred candidate for the presidency and invited him to campus for meetings with on-campus leadership and to participate in open, campus-wide events;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sabah Randhawa, came to campus on April 4 and 5, 2016 and met with student, faculty and staff governance leadership and participated in a campus-wide open forum;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wholeheartedly approves of the selection of Dr. Sabah Randhawa to serve as the next president of this fine university; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University hereby appoints Dr. Sabah Randhawa as the fourteenth President of Western Washington University, subject to coming to final agreement on a contract. The Board authorizes Trustee Chase Franklin, working with Board Chair Karen Lee to negotiate the terms for approval and ratification by the full Board at a subsequent Board meeting.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Lee".

Karen Lee, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl W. Overstreet II".

Earl Overstreet, Secretary