



**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DEAN  
*Francisco Rios***

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, **FRANCISCO RIOS** was appointed by Provost Catherine Riordan as Dean of Woodring College of Education at Western Washington University; and

**WHEREAS**, **FRANCISCO RIOS** brought to his appointment as Dean of Woodring College of Education, experience as Professor, Director and Department Chair at the University of Wyoming, and Associate Professor and Interim Associate Dean at California State University – San Marcos; and

**WHEREAS**, **FRANCISCO RIOS** received his undergraduate degree at Carroll College and his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, **FRANCISCO RIOS** has always been, and will continue to be, a tireless and effective advocate for students, equity, social justice, and strong community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, under **FRANCISCO RIOS**'s leadership, the Woodring College of Education has successfully realized a number of significant goals, including the college's enhanced ability to address the current and future needs of Washington State in the critical fields of teacher education, innovation, and human services; and

**WHEREAS**, **FRANCISCO RIOS**, as Dean of Woodring College of Education has provided vision and leadership reflected in significant accomplishments including but not limited to the establishment of the RN-BSN Nursing Program, important international partnerships, understanding and acknowledging societal cultural shifts and adapting the college to those changes, and has always spoken as a tireless advocate for those without a voice; and

**WHEREAS**, **FRANCISCO RIOS** has served with commitment and distinction as Dean of Woodring College of Education and as a trusted member of the Academic Affairs leadership team; and

**WHEREAS**, **FRANCISCO RIOS** will complete his appointment as Dean of Woodring College of Education and return to teaching, August 1, 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University offers thanks and commendation to **FRANCISCO RIOS** for his many achievements and for his service as Dean of Woodring College of Education.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its regular meeting on the 9th day of June 2017.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Meyer".

John M. Meyer, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan K. Sharpe".

Susan K. Sharpe, Chair