

WWU Board of Trustees
Resource Links for Western Washington University

- Board of Trustees Website - <https://trustees.wvu.edu>
 - Past Board meeting agendas and minutes <https://trustees.wvu.edu/archives>
- President's Website - <http://www.wvu.edu/president/>
- President's Report – [2022 Report](#)
- Western Washington University FactBook (data on enrollment, faculty, courses and degree production) - <https://oie.wvu.edu/factbook/>
- Strategic Plan 2018 – 2025 (including Mission, Vision, and accreditation Core Themes) - <https://provost.wvu.edu/strategic-plan-2018-2025>
- Strategic Plan 2018 – 2025 Overall Metrics - <https://provost.wvu.edu/overallmetrics>
- WWU Office of Budget and Financial Planning - <https://bfp.wvu.edu/>
 - 2021 – 2023 State Biennial Operating Budget Request <https://bfp.wvu.edu/files/2021-23%20Operating%20Budget%20Request%20-%20Complete.pdf>
- WWU Course Catalog - <http://catalog.wvu.edu/index.php>
- Campus Directory - <http://www.wvu.edu/directory/>
- Ethical Standards for Washington State Employees; see <http://www.ethics.wa.gov/TRAINING/Training.htm> to use the on-line Ethics Challenge

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

FAQs FOR NEW TRUSTEES

Q: How many times a year does the Board meet?

A: The Board has six regular meetings per year and one annual Board Retreat. The regular meetings are held in Bellingham on Thursday and Friday, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and adjourning at 12:00 Noon on Friday. Special Meetings are called as needed. The board holds one or more of its regular meetings outside of Whatcom County.

Q: How do I receive materials for the Board of Trustee Meeting?

A: The President's Office is certified as a Sustainable Office at the platinum level. As such, our Board of Trustees meetings are paperless. Board meeting materials are available on the Board of Trustees [webpage](#). The campus community and the Trustees have the ability to print and/or download the documents onto their computers. Trustees should bring their own technology in order to access the materials during the meeting. If you require technology on loan for the meeting, please let us know.

Q: Will I have the opportunity to review and ask questions regarding the Board meeting agenda items prior to the meeting?

A: An agenda review with the President is scheduled two or three days prior to each board meeting. The reviews are done via a conference call. Because a quorum cannot be present, two calls are scheduled with four Trustees participating during each call.

Q: Does the WWU Board of Trustees have subcommittees? How do subcommittees interact with the full Board?

A: The Board of Trustees has two subcommittees, the Finance, Audit and Enterprise Risk Management Committee and the Student Success Committee. Both committees meet prior to the regular board meeting and the committee chair reports on activities of their meetings during the full board meeting.

Q: Are Trustees required to participate in Commencement Ceremonies?

A: It is not a requirement, but Trustees are invited to participate in Western's commencement ceremonies. A calendar of future ceremonies is sent out and Trustees are asked to commit to participating in any ceremony that fits their personal schedule.

Q: Who provides Commencement Regalia?

A: Commencement regalia (robes, hoods, and mortarboards/tams) is provided by Western.

Q: Are Trustees paid for service on the WWU Board of Trustees?

A: Trustees are not paid to serve on the board. They are not employees of Western. However, Trustees traveling from out of town are reimbursed mileage, lodging, and some meals at the state allowable rate. Click [here](#) for more information on per diem reimbursement rates.

Q: Where do I park when I come to campus?

A: Each Trustee is provided courtesy parking valid for their entire term on the Board by providing the make/model/license plate number of their vehicle to the President's Office staff. Trustee Reserved parking is available in Lot 8G, behind the Old Main building. However, the parking permit is valid for any non-reserved spot on campus.

Q: What is the relationship with the WWU Foundation and the Board of Trustees?

A: The Western Washington University Foundation is the fund-raising arm of the institution. An agreement was entered into with Western and the Foundation empowering the Foundation to solicit and receive contributions, grants, gifts, and property in the name and on behalf of the University.

Q: Are Trustees required to donate financially to WWU?

A: Giving financially to the institution is not a requirement of service as a Trustee. Annual and campaign gifts are welcome to the extent a Trustee is able and interested. Trustees are encouraged to make connections and build ties with community members as appropriate.

Q: Do Trustees periodically have opportunities to meet with faculty and students?

A: The Faculty Senate President, who represents the faculty, and the Associated Students President, who represents the students, are members of President's Cabinet and regularly attend board meetings. Faculty and students are often presenters at the meetings.

Q: What should an individual trustee do if contacted directly by the media?

A: The Board of Trustees Chair is the spokesperson for the Board. All media questions should be directed to the Chair.