



## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

### Western Washington University Resolution to Approve Ground Lease with Olympic College

**WHEREAS**, since 2013, Western Washington University (“WWU”) and Olympic College have collaborated in offering 4-year degree programs to students through 2+2 programs, in which Olympic College students obtain an AAS-T degree and then transfer to WWU to obtain bachelor’s degrees in these fields.

**WHEREAS**, through collaborative outreach and recruitment efforts, WWU and Olympic College will jointly benefit from increasing the number of students enrolled in these 2+2 degree programs at the Olympic College Poulsbo campus;

**WHEREAS**, beginning in the 2015-17 budget cycle, the Washington State Legislature allocated funds to WWU to expand baccalaureate and graduate level degree programming on the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas;

**WHEREAS**, the Presidents and Trustees of WWU and Olympic College have held discussions to develop a collaborative plan for WWU’s expansion on the Olympic College Poulsbo campus;

**WHEREAS**, WWU intends to request funding for the design and construction of a new academic building on the Olympic College Poulsbo campus in the State’s 2025-2027 Capital Budget and WWU has started working on the preliminary design of this proposed building;

**WHEREAS**, WWU wishes to enhance its presence in the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas including the addition of new bachelor’s degree programs in sociology, data science, and industrial and systems engineering and graduate degree programs in social work and nursing (“Programs”) by constructing a new, approximately 40,000 SF academic facility on a portion of the Olympic College Poulsbo campus;

**WHEREAS**, by collocating WWU’s Peninsulas operations on the Olympic College Poulsbo campus, WWU and Olympic College will both benefit from shared use of facilities, such as classroom and lab space, and use of WWU’s Cyber Range Center for educational purposes;

**WHEREAS**, this continued partnership will allow WWU and Olympic College to expand their support to students across both institutions;

**WHEREAS**, WWU and Olympic College have substantially agreed to the material terms of a ground lease that allows for a single, approximately 40,000 SF building to be paid for and constructed by WWU at the Olympic College Poulsbo campus; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2024, the Board of Trustees of Olympic College adopted a resolution approving the material terms of the draft ground lease and delegated authority to the President of Olympic College to approve the final ground lease; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University approves the ground lease in Attachment A to the Board materials, for a single building to be constructed by WWU at the Olympic College Poulsbo campus and authorizes the President or his designee to sign the ground lease.

**PASSED and APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its meeting thereof duly and regularly held this 14th day of June 2024.

ATTEST:

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Faith Li Pettis, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Witherspoon".

Chris Witherspoon, Vice Chair