WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
ITEM SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: President Bruce Shepard on behalf of the Associated Students

DATE: August 14, 2009

SUBJECT: **Associated Students**

PURPOSE: Associated Students Report

Purpose of Submittal:

To update the Board of Trustees regarding the Associated Students' recent activities.

Supporting Information:
See attached.

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MEMO

To: WWU Board of Trustees

From: Matt Jarrell, AS President

Date: August 5, 2009

Subject: Associated Students Summer Report

I hope the warm weather is treating you all very well. I wanted to take this opportunity to keep you up to date on what projects the Associated Students have been working on this summer.

WTA Contract Finalized
In June, the Associated Students came to an agreement with Whatcom Transit Authority on a universal student bus pass for the next three years, without raising the rate for students. The teamwork between Business and Financial Affairs and the AS also resulted in a new Charge and Charter for the Alternative Transportation Fee Committee. Kathy Wetherell, Sally McKechnie and Randy Stegmeier have been an invaluable resource, and we thank them for their insight and knowledge. We hope to continue building a strong relationship with WTA for the future. For more detail, please refer to the Intercommunity Agreement located in the Information Items of your documents.

The Future of Leadership
After the AS's successful launch of an on-campus leadership week last year, Dr. Eileen Coughlin and Dr. Joanne DeMark have hosted several meetings about the future of leadership at Western. The Associated Students have been collaborating in the birth of a new program that will offer co-sponsorships between a handful of offices to continue making Western a premier destination for students. The project is still in the planning stages, more information to come as the project develops.

Washington Student Association (Formerly the WA Student Lobby) & Legislative Action Fund
Last spring, students approved the Legislative Action Fund (LAF), which allows student donations to be spent on the dues for the Washington Student Association (WSA), as well as funding projects and programs for lobbying locally in Bellingham and Olympia. While we have been members of the WSA in the past, we have always given them all of our donation profits. Now that the LAF has been established, we are drafting a contract with the WSA so we pay one rate and then keep the additional profits in the LAF for legislation projects. This also resulted in the creation of the Legislative Action Fee Committee.

AS Board Training
The AS Board has been in an intensive training this summer, gaining understanding of their

positions and knowledge on both the AS and university structure. We've had many speakers from numerous offices on campus and look forward to drafting goals and values for the year at our retreat August 18th and 19th.

I am available if you have any questions about these topics. I look forward to my meetings with you in the coming year.