



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05**

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

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

***RICHARD VAN DEN HUL***

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, **RICHARD VAN DEN HUL** was appointed Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs by President Bruce Shepard; and

**WHEREAS**, **RICHARD VAN DEN HUL** brought to his appointment fourteen years' experience at the University of South Dakota, including as Vice President and Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration, Director of Budget, Finance, and Institutional Research, and previous experience as Director of Research at the Office of the Executive Director for the South Dakota Board of Regents and as a fiscal analyst for the South Dakota Legislative Research Council; and

**WHEREAS**, **RICHARD VAN DEN HUL** received his Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of South Dakota and a bachelor's degree in Commercial Economics and Agriculture Business from South Dakota State University; and

**WHEREAS**, **RICHARD VAN DEN HUL's** personal integrity and principled leadership have made him an exceptional leader for Business and Financial Affairs and the University as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, under **RICHARD VAN DEN HUL's** leadership, Business and Financial Affairs helped Western successfully navigate the 2008-9 Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic; improved customer service by bringing in new technology and reengineering business practices throughout the division; oversaw construction and renovation of multiple campus buildings, including the Viking Union Multicultural Center, Carver Academic Facility, Miller Hall, the Interdisciplinary Sciences Building, and Alma Clark Glass Residence Hall; and helped break new ground with public-private partnerships that funded Western's softball and multipurpose fields on South Campus; and

**WHEREAS**, **RICHARD VAN DEN HUL** has served with distinction as a valued colleague on the University's senior leadership team, contributing a data-driven approach, calm and cheerful collegiality, and a self-effacing commitment to enhancing the effectiveness of the leadership team, his division, and the institution as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, **RICHARD VAN DEN HUL** completed his appointment as Vice President Business and Financial Affairs on June 30, 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University offers thanks and commendation to **RICHARD VAN DEN HUL** for his many achievements and for his service as Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its regular meeting on the 20th day of August 2021.

ATTEST:

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

John M. Meyer, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Chase Franklin".

D. Chase Franklin, Vice Chair