



RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07

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

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF

Sherry Burkey

WHEREAS, in 2005, **SHERRY BURKEY** was appointed by President Karen W. Morse as the Associate Vice President for External Affairs and Director of Government Relations at Western Washington University; and

WHEREAS, **SHERRY BURKEY** brought to her appointment as Associate Vice President for External Affairs and the Director of Government Relations experience as Director of External Affairs at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Associate Vice President for University Relations and Director of Government Relations, as well as Associate and Assistant Director of Government Relations at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, **SHERRY BURKEY** served as a legislative assistant to United States Senator Henry M. (Scoop) Jackson, and as a legislative aide on the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Services Subcommittee on Health which was chaired by Senator Ted Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, **SHERRY BURKEY** received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, under **SHERRY BURKEY**'s exceptional leadership, Western Washington University has experienced a most successful collaboration with the Washington State Legislature, one that has left her footprint of success on new or enhanced physical facilities and academic programs, funding for faculty and staff positions and salaries, and for overall student success; and

WHEREAS, under **SHERRY BURKEY**'s guidance, Western secured more than \$248 million for 27 capital projects, including the new state-of-the-art Academic Instruction Center, the remodeling of Miller Hall and Fraser Hall, and the planning and design funding for the renovation of the Carver Academic Facility; and received funding for numerous programs, including the Behavioral Neuroscience Program, the Advanced Materials Science and Engineering Center, the Institute for Energy Studies, the conversion of the Engineering Technology Program to Engineering, the growth of the Computer Science Program; and the securing of state-wide funding that enabled a zero percent tuition increase for students; and

WHEREAS, **SHERRY BURKEY** has been selected to receive the Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson Award for achievement in government relations from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the first person from the Pacific Northwest to be recognized in the 20 year history of the award; and

WHEREAS, **SHERRY BURKEY** will be retiring from Western to pursue new adventures in the next chapter of her life; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University offers thanks and commendation to **SHERRY BURKEY** on her many achievements and exemplary service as Associate Vice President for University Relations and Community Development and Director of Government Relations.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its regular meeting on October 10, 2014.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Lee".

Karen Lee, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Thompson".

Dick Thompson, Secretary