



**RESOLUTION 2015-06**

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

***APPOINTMENT OF AND INITIAL CHARGE TO  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR***

**WHEREAS**, President Bruce Shepard has announced his intention to retire from the Presidency of Western Washington University after the conclusion of the 2015-16 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is responsible for the timely selection and appointment of an individual to replace President Shepard as president of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees wishes to formally commence a presidential search process to discharge its responsibility to select the next president of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees intends that such process be broad and inclusive,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University as follows:

1. Vice Chair Susan Sharpe is appointed to serve as Presidential Search Advisory Committee Chair and to lead the presidential search process as Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.
2. The Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee shall establish and direct the search process, in consultation with the Board and its Chair, and such other constituencies, groups and individuals as may be appropriate, including representatives of University faculty, staff and students, and external constituency groups. In so doing, the Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee is authorized and directed to utilize and employ on the University's behalf a Presidential Search Advisory Committee, consultants, a staff administrator, and such other staff or University resources as may be necessary or appropriate.
3. The size and composition of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee shall be agreed to by the Board based on recommendations from the Presidential Search Advisory Committee Chair. Individual appointments to the Presidential Search Advisory Committee shall be made by the Presidential Search Advisory Committee Chair and Board Chair following Board approval of the size and composition of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.
4. The Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee is instructed to conduct the search process in a manner that is generally similar to past presidential searches conducted by the Board; provided, however, that the Board intends that the search process retain the flexibility necessary to ensure the timely selection and appointment of the best possible candidate to serve as the next president of the University.
5. The Board intends that the presidential search be conducted on a basis that is inclusive and transparent, while maintaining appropriate candidate confidentiality. The Board intends that on-campus Presidential Search Advisory Committee members meet the following general criteria: committed to the best interests of the University; respected by colleagues and co-workers; record of active engagement in University affairs; good judgment; ability to maintain strict confidentiality; demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with others; and willing and able to devote the time necessary to this process (including meetings held mainly during evenings and weekends with possible travel to meetings held in remote locations).
6. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board retains all of its rights and duties, and discretion, by law, to appoint the President of the University.

ATTEST:

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

Karen Lee, Chair

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

Dick Thompson, Secretary