



RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF VICE PROVOST and DEAN
*Kathleen Kitto***

WHEREAS, in 2013, **KATHLEEN KITTO** was appointed by Provost Brent Carbajal as Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, at Western Washington University and

WHEREAS, **KATHLEEN KITTO** brought to her appointment as Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School twenty-nine years of experience at Western Washington University, including experience as a faculty member, Director, Department Chair, founding Associate Dean of the College of Sciences and Technology and Special Assistant to the Provost;

WHEREAS, **KATHLEEN KITTO** received her Associate of Science-Engineering, undergraduate and graduate degrees at Montana College of Mineral Science and is a nationally acknowledged researcher; and

WHEREAS, **KATHLEEN KITTO** has been a tireless and effective advocate for researchers at all levels of the university, including undergraduates, graduates, staff, scientists and faculty; and

WHEREAS, under **KATHLEEN KITTO**'s leadership, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs has successfully addressed a number of significant goals, including restructuring RSP into a more efficient unit, boosting morale among the staff, and creating transparency in the budget; and

WHEREAS, as Dean of the Graduate School, **KATHLEEN KITTO** has provided vision and leadership reflected in significant accomplishments including but not limited to helping usher in a new faculty leadership structure for the Graduate Council, directing the assessment of all Graduate Programs in preparation for our seven year accreditation visit, and enhancing the visibility of graduate education at Western Washington University; and

WHEREAS, **KATHLEEN KITTO** has served with commitment and distinction as Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School and as a trusted member of the Academic Affairs leadership team; and

WHEREAS, **KATHLEEN KITTO** has announced her retirement from Western Washington University;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University offers thanks and commendation to **KATHLEEN KITTO** for her many achievements and for her service as Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its regular meeting on the 9th day of June 2017.

ATTEST:

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John M. Meyer, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan K. Sharpe".

Susan K. Sharpe, Chair