



**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN WOMEN'S ROWING TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, The Western Washington University women's rowing team, under the leadership of head coach John Fuchs, won the NCAA Division II National Championship on May 28, 2017 defeating second place Central Oklahoma by one point on Lake Mercer in West Windsor, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, this marks the eighth national championship in the program's history, adding to the seven consecutive women's rowing national titles from 2005-11; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the 11<sup>th</sup> team national championship in Western Athletics history and the second of the 2016-17 season, joining the Western women's soccer team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vikings' varsity eight and varsity four shells both advanced to the grand finals after qualifying heats, with the four winning the grand final and the eight finishing second, resulting in the team national rowing championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Western was ranked No. 1 nationally in six of eight Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association/US Rowing Coaches Polls throughout the regular season, and won 21 of 28 races, including dominating performances at the San Diego Crew Classic and the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships; and

**WHEREAS**, the team members distinguished themselves in the classroom as well as on the field throughout a rigorous schedule of events, with varsity seven seat Karisa Stapp earning College of Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Division II Academic All-District At-Large honors; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire team demonstrated fine sportsmanship and inspired youth to work hard, play well and enjoy athletic competition; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University recognizes the Western Women's rowing team for its outstanding accomplishments and extends to the team the Board's sincere congratulations on behalf of the entire university community.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its meeting on June 9, 2017.

ATTEST:

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Sue Sharpe, Chair

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

John Meyer, Secretary