



December 1, 2011

TO: Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Joan Goldblatt, Secretary of the Board of Regents
RE: Schedule of Special Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011

10:00 a.m. **Gerberding Hall** **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**
 Room 142 **BOARD OF REGENTS**

AGENDA

BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Gerberding Hall, Room 142

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. DISCUSSION: Legislative Update**
- IV. DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, January 12, 2012**
- V. ADJOURN**

MINUTES

**BOARD OF REGENTS
University of Washington**

**SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, December 15, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Gerberding Hall, Room 142**

The Board of Regents of the University of Washington held a special meeting, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Gerberding Hall, Room 142. The notice of the special meeting was provided appropriately to the public and the media.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent Blake called the special meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Assistant Secretary Shelley Tennant called the roll.

Regents attending in person: Kristi Blake (Chair), Bill Gates, Orin Smith

Regents joining the meeting by telephone: Jeff Brotman, Craig Cole, Joanne Harrell, Sally Jewell, Kelsey Knowles, Herb Simon

Others attending in person: President Michael K. Young, Interim Provost Doug Wadden, ASUW President Conor McLean, GPSS President Charles Plummer

Others joining the meeting by telephone: Faculty Senate Chair Susan Astley

Regent Blake asked President Young to make some brief comments.

President Young noted it was Interim Provost Doug Wadden's last Board meeting as Provost and thanked him for his service during a challenging time. Ana Mari Cauce will assume the office of Provost in January.

The President commented on the legislative session, noting the legislature and Governor are concerned about the impact of potential cuts to higher education. Members of the business community and the media, including the Seattle Times, are expressing concern about the depth of cuts in funding to higher education with respect to the future of the state of Washington. Strong coalitions are beginning to develop and will potentially be powerful and helpful.

The President highlighted a few awards and honors garnered recently by University of Washington students and faculty members.

Regent Blake thanked Provost Wadden, on behalf of the Regents, for his leadership and willingness to step up during a difficult time. She welcomed Charles Plummer, newly elected GPSS President, and said Regents look forward to meeting him at the next Board meeting.

DISCUSSION: Legislative Update (Information only)

Paul Jenny, Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting, presented an overview of the special legislative session to date and plans for UW's internal process over the next few months. Both houses adjourned the special session on Wednesday, December 14. They will return for the regular session in early January. Both houses achieved preliminary budget reduction packages of about \$480 million, which is about 25% of the shortfall. \$323 million were in budget cuts, significant in the areas of DSHS and K-12, \$106 million in fund transfers, and \$51 million in re-appropriation of unexpended capital balances. The UW was affected only by a \$248,000 two-year reduction in general fund appropriation corresponding with an identical reduction in for workers compensation expenses. This is net neutral as it reduces funding and the corresponding obligation.

The Governor's budget reduces funding to higher education by 17% for a cut of \$38 million.

The Legislature did not take up any revenue enhancements during the special session. New revenue will be unlikely to be approved before the start of the next fiscal year.

Internally, Interim Provost Doug Wadden and Provost Designate Ana Mari Cauce plan to send a budget letter to campus leadership outlining the proposed process for taking budget cuts. This will be similar to last year's process – strategic, focused on preserving quality and the impact on the student experience. The UW will take positioning steps to mitigate impact of cuts on the future of the University of Washington. Budget proposals are expected by the Provost from Deans by the end of February, followed by meetings. At that point in time the UW administrators expect to have a better understanding of the impacts of the cuts. The proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Regents in May and June.

Randy Hodgins, Vice President, Office of External Affairs, discussed the University's legislative strategy. The message to the legislature, which Mr. Hodgins termed the UW's "flexibility agenda," consists of two points:

- 1) Protect public funding for higher education, and

- 2) Invest in students not bureaucracy.

Mr. Hodgins distributed the “Entrepreneurial/Innovation University Initiative,” listing three components:

- 1) Delegated rule-making authority in specific areas of internal business operations;
- 2) Diversify university operating fund investments; and
- 3) Local management of capital fee resources.

Mr. Hodgins reminded the Regents the legislature passed a bill last year to abolish the Higher Education Coordinating (HEC) Board, and formed a task force to determine what should take its place. President Young sits on that task force. The Governor recently released her education reform package, and in it she announced the creation of the Office of Student Achievement. This Office would refocus the activities of the HEC Board on primarily secondary through higher education transitions, and develop policies to improve the transition of students out of high school into work force training programs or higher education, and to work on transition issues between two- and four-year schools. The new Office would continue the work of the HEC Board managing the state’s financial aid programs. The Governor also introduced a package of K-12 reforms, including the creation of six “University laboratory schools” in the state.

Mr. Hodgins discussed messaging and advocacy, saying he recently sent the Regents the 2012 legislative messaging materials. The December Columns Magazine contains a four-page insert summary of UW’s general legislative messaging. He invited Regents to attend the College Promise Coalition’s Regents and Trustees day in Olympia on Tuesday, January 24, with details to follow. The Seattle Times Greater Good campaign continues with a positive effect on conversations with individual legislators. President Young has written an opinion-editorial piece on college affordability, which will be published by the Seattle Times on Saturday, December 17.

President Young said UW’s legislative strategy will be more proactive about the positive impact of the University, and higher education, on the state of Washington.

Regent Simon encouraged Regents to attend the Regents and Trustees Day in Olympia on January 24.

Regent Jewell asked about the possible impact of budget cuts on the state need grant. Mr. Hodgins replied the Governor’s proposed budget does not contain cuts to the state need grant but work study would be cut. President Young emphasized the importance of the work study program, saying data show work study has significant advantages for students as it provides the opportunity for them to work on campus and gain valuable work experience. Data show students working on campus, as opposed to off campus, take more classes and do better in them, and

graduate more quickly. The President expressed concern that if work study is eliminated, it may not be reinstated.

Questions and discussion followed.

DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, January 12, 2012

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Committee meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. in 142 Gerberding and the full Board will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Petersen Room of the Allen Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Blake thanked Regents, and others, for attending and adjourned the special meeting at 11:55 a.m.



Joan Goldblatt
Secretary of the Board of Regents

Approved at the meeting of the Board of Regents on January 12, 2012.