

*Washburn University  
Board of Regents*



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***Washburn Mission Statement***

***Washburn creates educational pathways to success for everyone.***

**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center**  
**Monday, 3/23/2026**  
**3:30 - 5:00 PM CT**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

Regent Buhler  
Regent Dicus  
Regent Dietrick  
Regent Duncan  
Regent Fisher  
Regent Jeffrey  
Regent Nave  
Regent Romero  
Regent Sourk

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**B. President's Report**

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- 2. Finance and Capital Strategies Committee Report - Regent Sourk**
- 3. Executive and Governance Committee - Regent Dietrick**

**IV. New Business**

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**V. Next Meeting Date**

- A. Board of Regent Meeting - May 7, 2026**

**VI. Executive Session**

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 5, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Dietrick called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

**II. Roll Call**

Present were:

Regent Buhler  
Regent Dicus  
Regent Dietrick  
Regent Duncan  
Regent Fisher  
Regent Jeffrey  
Regent Nave  
Regent Romero  
Regent Sourk (via Zoom)

**III. Officer Reports**

**A. Chair's Report**

Chair Dietrick welcomed the Board's newest regent, Mayor Spencer Duncan, and congratulated him on his recent appointment as Mayor. The Chair noted the March Board meeting has been moved to March 23, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in the Kansas Room. On Tuesday, February 10, President Mazachek will be recognized as Executive of the Year at the Sales and Marketing Executives Banquet at Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Congratulations to President Mazachek.

**B. President's Report**

President Mazachek welcomed Mayor Duncan to the Board and looks forward to working with him on the Board and in the community. Washburn is celebrating its 161<sup>st</sup> Birthday and are hosting the Washburn Day of Giving. Events today began with the Ichabods of Industry which featured Regent John Dicus and Tammy Dishman with Capitol Federal. The President thanked Regent Dicus for his presentation and for inspiring everyone in the audience. The President asked Marshall Meek to give an update

on the Day of Giving. Mr. Meek shared at this time they have raised \$270,537 with over 680 gifts.

President Mazachek noted several activities the university recently celebrated. The Cheer Team earned second place at the 2026 Universal Cheerleaders Association National Championship. Enrollment for spring is outstanding. Year over year it continues to grow. The President thanked everyone for their hard work. Next Friday is census and numbers will be reported at that time. The university hosted the Kansas FBLA with over 500 students on campus. The Music and Theatre department welcomed 300 students on campus to attend the Middle School Band Day and Athletics hosted a track meet with 3100 entries and approximately 1,500 people on campus for the meet. The men's and women's basketball teams are outstanding this year.

The President reported a national search for the Vice President for Student Life is underway. The legislative session has been very busy with changes almost every day. The leadership is actively participating, listening, and doing what is best for Washburn.

President Mazachek introduced Melanie Worsley, Associate Provost, and Professor of Academic Affairs, who is leading the AI Task Force.

Professor Worsley shared the members represented on this AI workgroup and provided an update of the progress so far. Their action plan includes a strategy for campus communication, policy examination, creating capacity, and researching common AI tools as well as governance and infrastructure. A target date for these steps to be completed is the end of the spring semester. The task force will continue to work on the governance steps as it will be a longer process. President Mazachek thanked the task force for this important work.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **A. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Regent Fisher, and second by Regent Jeffrey. Motion passed.

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the December 4, 2025 Meeting**
- 2. Liquidated Claims Approval – October 2025**
- 3. Liquidated Claims Approval – November 2025**
- 4. WUPRM Revision – Policy Section BB**

##### **B. Action Items**

- 1. Honorary Degree Candidates**

President Mazachek presented this item. The university Honorary Degree committee meets yearly and reviews the nominees based on experiences, accomplishments, accolades and the difference they have made in the community and their discipline. Three candidates were recommended: Jim Slattery – School of Law, Tony Ware – College of Arts and Sciences, and Carol Perry – Harmony Hines School of Nursing. President Mazachek recommends the Board approve awarding the three candidates an Honorary Degree.

Motion by Regent Buhler, and second by Regent Nave. Motion passed.

## **2. Eminentes Universitatis**

Vice President Luther Lee presented this item. Washburn awards the Eminentes Universitatis designation to long-term employees who meet the following requirements: employed as a technical instructor, staff employee or equivalent for a period of ten years or more, retiring in good standing and service performed must be judged to have been meritorious.

Today we have three employees to honor. Gayle Davis has served in a variety of roles to the Leadership Institute and played a pivotal role in the development of the Aleshire Center. She held leadership roles on Staff Council and the NetWUrk group and was also recognized for her service receiving the Staff Outstanding Service Award in 2022. Her greatest contribution, however, was the unwavering support she showed to the students as they pursued their goals. Ms. Davis will retire on May 1, 2026. Mary Gruber retired on February 3, 2026, which was her 40<sup>th</sup> work anniversary. Mary began her career in the Business office and retired working in the Finance office. She became a trusted and invaluable resource across campus for her finance and accounting knowledge. She had a deep understanding of Washburn's FOAPAL structure and was known for her attention to detail. Mark Flynn was a member of the Engineering department at KTWU for over 42 years. His technological skills helped ensure the digital channels and online streams were on-the-air 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for three channels. Mr. Flynn was also a part of the team to start a 24-hour broadcast; helped with the transition from analog to digital; oversaw the building of a new tower; and assisted with the installation of fiber infrastructure on campus. Mr. Flynn retired on January 6, 2026. President Mazachek recommends the Board bestow the status of Eminentes Universitatis to these three employees.

Motion by Regent Romero, second by Regent Jeffrey. Motion passed.

## **3. Tennis Complex Naming**

President Mazachek presented this item and described the process for the naming of colleges, schools, buildings and other physical facilities on our campuses. In August 2025, the Board approved the Athletics Corridor Master Plan which included upgrades to the tennis complex. Last fall, Washburn Alumni Jake and

Kris Klima made a transformational gift to the corridor project in support of the Washburn tennis program. The couple met as students at Washburn and were active in the Greek community. Kris, a standout athlete, earned All-MIAA recognition for her achievements on the women's tennis team from 2001-2004, and she continues to champion the university today as a member of the Washburn Alumni Association and Foundation Board. Tennis provided the opportunity Kris needed to be the first person to attend college in her family and their gift to the tennis program honors Kris' family, Ruben and Sylvia Castillo. The Castillo family moved to Topeka after Kris and her sister, Alyssa, finished their college tennis careers at Washburn and built their lives in Kansas. The Klima's gift exceeds the threshold for naming recognition that Washburn uses for naming facilities on campus. The President recommended the Board consider naming Washburn's tennis complex the Castillo Family Tennis Complex.

Motion by Regent Dicus, second by Regent Buhler. Motion passed.

#### **4. Washburn Tech Technical College Operating Grants**

Provost Fritch presented this item. Due to a change in legislation, KBOR is requiring universities to submit an application describing how the funding will be used for the Technical College Operating Grant prior to approval. Washburn Tech plans to continue using these funds to upgrade and enhance classrooms, laboratories, and equipment at our newly remodeled space at the former K-Mart building. The university wants the Board to be aware of the plan before they submit it to KBOR. President Mazachek recommends the Board approve the use of the Technical College Operating Grant, if provided by the legislature, as outlined in this plan.

Motion by Regent Buhler, second by Regent Romero. Motion passed.

#### **5. Washburn University Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2026**

Vice President Luther Lee presented this item and explained this resolution authorizes the final issuance of revenue bonds to finance the ESCO project. Since the last board meeting, Moody's credit rating agency affirmed Washburn's A1 rating. Several positive comments include diversification of assets, steady growth trends and overall stability.

Michael Newman from Hilltop Securities shared the bonds were brought to market on January 21 in total amount of \$24,195,000. All bonds were sold, indicating an extremely high level of interest and confidence from investors. Stifel is serving as the underwriter for revenue bonds. Stifel's team was able to bring in new investors. The interest rate for the newly issued bonds is 3.62%. This resolution approves the final bond package as described in this item and

authorizes the University and partners to finalize the issuance on the bond closing date of February 12, 2026.

Mitch Walter, the university's bond counsel from Gillmore and Bell, thanked Luther and his team for their assistance in this process. He noted it is extremely rewarding to work with his team, especially as an alum of Washburn.

Motion by Regent Dicus, second by Regent Nave. Motion passed.

## **6. Resolution for Authorization of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool Transactions**

Vice President Luther Lee presented this item and noted Kacie Jones, Assistant Controller, recently joined the accounting team. The approval of this item will allow the new employee authorization to initiate university transactions with the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. Deposits to and withdrawals from the University's MIP account must be initiated and authorized by employees approved by the Board. President Mazachek recommends adoption of the attached resolution.

Motion by Regent Romero, second by Regent Jeffrey. Motion passed.

## **V. Informational Presentation**

### **A. Healthcare Center Project Design**

Eric Just, Assistant Vice President of Facilities, presented the new design for the Healthcare Center project. The project was approved by the Board in May of 2025. The goal of the project is to bring together the university's health-related departments on campus to one facility. Mr. Just shared a diagram of the layout for each floor as well as photos of the exterior. It is budgeted at \$55,000,000 and will add 80,000 additional square feet to the existing building. It will house the School of Nursing, School of Applied Studies, Kinesiology and Student Health. It is estimated to be an 18-month project and a construction start date is pending the completion of fundraising.

Regent Sourk asked about the location of Student Health being in the center without an exterior entrance. Mr. Just explained it was design layout practicality, and it will be able to have the waiting area located inside their suite. Regent Sourk also inquired about allowing room for growth as technology advances. Mr. Just noted that the design includes several wide-open spaces that could be utilized differently in the future.

## **VI. Information Item(s)**

### **A. FY26 Quarterly Financial Statements**

**VII. Next Meeting Date**

**A. Board of Regent Meeting – March 23, 2026**

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** Liquidated Claims Approval – December 2025

**DESCRIPTION:** Listed below is a summary by fund of all claims processed during the month of December 2025.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the liquidated claims submitted in this transmittal are in compliance with all applicable laws and University policies.

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Luther Lee, Vice President for Administration & Treasurer

<b>WASHBURN UNIVERSITY</b>		<b>Total Claims</b>
<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	
1.	General Fund	\$3,555,025
2.	Debt Retirement & Construction Fund	-0-
3.	Building and Construction Fund	3,440
4.	Endowment Fund	-0-
5.	Student Loan Fund	500
7.	Tort Claim Fund	997
8.	Restricted and Agency Fund	5,066,873
9.	Plant Fund	-0-
10.	Smoothing Fund	-0-
12.	Capital Improvement	-0-
13.	Government and Research Fund	27,386
	Sub-Total	8,654,221
	Payroll	3,752,042
	Payroll Withholding ACH Transactions	3,101,157
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,507,420</b>

<b>WASHBURN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY</b>		
1.	General Fund	\$291,201
3.	Building and Construction Fund	2,398,481
5.	Student Loan Fund	-0-
8.	Restricted and Agency Fund	21,375
13.	Government and Research Fund	29,484
	Sub-Total	2,740,541
	Payroll	517,505
	Payroll Withholding ACH Transactions	183,159
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,441,205</b>

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** Liquidated Claims Approval – January 2026

**DESCRIPTION:** Listed below is a summary by fund of all claims processed during the month of January 2026.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the liquidated claims submitted in this transmittal are in compliance with all applicable laws and University policies.

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Luther Lee, Vice President for Administration & Treasurer

<b>WASHBURN UNIVERSITY</b>		<b>Total Claims</b>
<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	
1.	General Fund	\$9,067,149
2.	Debt Retirement & Construction Fund	-0-
3.	Building and Construction Fund	3,871,424
4.	Endowment Fund	-0-
5.	Student Loan Fund	-0-
7.	Tort Claim Fund	40,000
8.	Restricted and Agency Fund	244,922
9.	Plant Fund	-0-
10.	Smoothing Fund	-0-
12.	Capital Improvement	-0-
13.	Government and Research Fund	19,923
	Sub-Total	13,243,418
	Payroll	3,449,020
	Payroll Withholding ACH Transactions	2,364,357
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,056,795</b>

<b>WASHBURN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY</b>		
1.	General Fund	\$265,568
3.	Building and Construction Fund	1,096,555
5.	Student Loan Fund	-0-
8.	Restricted and Agency Fund	16,759
13.	Government and Research Fund	46,748
	Sub-Total	1,425,630
	Payroll	491,513
	Payroll Withholding ACH Transactions	169,356
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,086,499</b>

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** Faculty/Staff Personnel Actions

**DESCRIPTION:**

The following routine adjustments to specific salary lines must either be reported to the Board or approved by the Board.

Name	Position	Change	Financial Implications	Comments	Action
Martin, Craig	Professor, School of Law, Position #000286 and #FSLW10	Leave of Absence for AY 2026/2027	None		Request Approval

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends approval of this personnel action.

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** Tenure and Promotion Recommendations – 2026-2027

**DESCRIPTION:**

After consultation with the appointed and elected committees and the respective deans, the following faculty are recommended for tenure and promotion to the rank listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/School</u>	<u>Promotion to</u>
Julie Boydston	Psychology – CAS	Associate Professor
Carson Kay	Communication Studies – CAS	Associate Professor
Heather Lassman	Social Work – SAS	Associate Professor
Belinda Eckert	School of Nursing	Associate Professor

The following are recommended for promotion to noted ranks and were previously granted tenure:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/School</u>	<u>Promotion to</u>
Andrew Herbig	Biology – CAS	Professor
Rhonda Peterson Dealey	Social Work – SAS	Professor
Amy Memmer	Criminal Justice & Legal Studies - SAS	Professor
Lara Rivera	School of Nursing	Professor

Promotion and tenure petitions and recommendations are on file in the Academic Affairs Office and available to the Board.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Additional salaries for promotional increases will be included in the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends approval of awarding promotion and tenure to the faculty listed above.

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** Emeriti

**DESCRIPTION:** Designate Dr. Dmitri Nizovtsev, Associate Dean Emeritus and Professor; Dr. Michael Rettig, Professor Emeritus; Dr. Pamela Schmidt, Professor Emeritus; Dr. Louella Moore, Professor Emeritus; Caren Dick, Assistant Professor Emeritus; Sue Unruh, Assistant Professor Emeritus; Georgina Tenny, Senior Lecturer Emeritus; Lori Fenton, Librarian Emeritus.

**Dr. Dmitri Nizovtsev**, Associate Dean and Professor of Economics and International Studies Coordinator, Brenneman School of Business, joined the economics faculty of the Washburn School of Business in 2001 and served for 25 years, teaching courses from introductory economics to the master's level. A highly regarded educator, he received the School of Business Dicus Excellence in Teaching Award three times, numerous student honors, and earned the university-wide Ned Fleming Excellence in Teaching Award in 2015. Dmitri played a major role in curriculum and program development, helping introduce the Global Dynamics requirement and International Business concentration. He also served as international studies coordinator. An active scholar, he published in top academic journals and founded the School of Business Research Seminar Series. He later served four years as associate dean. Dmitri plans to retire July 31, 2026.

**Dr. Michael Rettig**, Professor of Education, School of Applied Studies joined the faculty in the Department of Education at Washburn University as an Associate Professor of Special Education in January 1995. He was promoted to professor in 2003. Dr. Rettig has demonstrated sustained excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service, and his commitment to mentorship and academic leadership has had a meaningful and enduring impact on colleagues, students, and the institution. In addition to teaching, some examples of his commitment to Washburn University students and programs include his work to sustain and improve the Education Graduate Programs and, as the Chair of the Department Assessment and Accreditation Committee, leading all education programs through successful accreditation at both the state and national levels. Dr. Rettig plans to retire at the end of the Spring 2026 semester.

**Dr. Pamela Schmidt**, Dibble Professorship and Professor of Accounting, Brenneman School of Business, joined the business faculty in 2012. Dr. Schmidt received tenure, was promoted to Professor, and in 2021 was appointed as the William Lyman Dibble Professor. Dr. Schmidt taught a variety of courses, but her main areas were accounting systems and Business Data Analytics. She has been active in research, with publications in many top-tier accounting and information systems journals. One of her co-authored papers has been identified as the "Top Cited" paper in the AAA Journal of Information Systems. She has filled a variety of organizational roles for the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences. Dr. Schmidt was instrumental in developing the BBA Business Data Analytics concentration, which began in 2020. She has also been a leader in the development of HYFLEX teaching classrooms across the campus. Dr. Schmidt plans to retire July 31, 2026.

**Dr. Louella Moore**, Professor of Accounting, Brenneman School of Business, joined Washburn University in 2012, providing distinguished service in teaching, research, and service. She has taught undergraduate and graduate accounting courses emphasizing applied learning, critical analysis, and ethical reasoning, moving students beyond rule-based instruction toward real-world engagement. She has mentored Honors students and received recognition for instructional impact. Dr. Moore has published 29 works since 2012 in peer-reviewed journals with strong citation impact. Her research addresses alternative organizational forms, professional ethics, diversity, fraud, and accountability. She was named David Mosso Professor in 2022. Dr. Moore plans to retire July 31, 2026.

**Caren Dick**, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, is a 1984 graduate of the Washburn University School of Nursing who joined the faculty in 1996 as a pediatric clinical instructor and earned tenure in 2012. Over more than three decades, she taught pediatrics, community health, fundamentals, developed the Family Health course, and consistently built strong community partnerships to provide meaningful clinical engagement for students while serving the Topeka community. Her work included clinical placements, extensive service, simulation roles across all program levels, and steadfast committee involvement. Recognized with the Excellence in Teaching Award (2002) and the Herrick Faculty Award for Outstanding Service (2009), Caren remained deeply committed despite significant health challenges beginning in 2010. Supported by her husband, Henry, she continued her work until retiring after completing her final semester in Fall 2025, leaving a lasting legacy of service, mentorship, and community-centered nursing education.

**Sue Unruh**, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing (currently adjunct instructor), joined the faculty in the fall of 2004. Sue has taught numerous courses in both the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. Sue has presented lectures regionally, nationally, and internationally on acute care nursing and nursing practice issues. She served on Faculty Senate, the Washburn Strategic Planning Committee, and the Washburn VPAA Search Committee. For the past 9 years Sue has served on the Board of Directors for Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan. Sue has been able to establish a high level of trust with her students. Student, peer and supervisor evaluations identify her ability to effectively make complex subjects understandable and “fun”. She incorporates learning strategies that include songs, plays, and games. She has been the recipient of numerous School of Nursing teaching awards and received the Washburn University Ned Fleming Excellence in Teaching Award in May 2016.

**Georgina Tenny**, Senior Lecturer, College of Arts and Sciences, joined Washburn as a lecturer in 2004 and was promoted to senior lecturer in 2018. Professor Tenny has been very important in growing the Washburn University Spanish program through her passionate work with students for 21 years. She not only teaches beginning language classes but has also spearheaded faculty-led study abroad programs to several countries and has mentored the Spanish club. Tenny has developed Washburn’s Immersion Day in Spanish, which has brought hundreds of students from nearby high schools to campus, some of whom now study at Washburn. Professor Tenny plans to retire on July 31, 2026.

**Lori Fenton**, Librarian Technical Services, University Libraries (currently a part time temp), came to Washburn University in the spring of 2007 when the library was beginning to transition

from a book and print-based repository to a library serving as the heart of a modern university learning community by unifying digital resources, information literacy instruction, and spaces for learning and reflecting. Lori was the critical force in that transition for 18 years. Lori has made a significant contribution to Washburn University by shepherding the collection of Washburn Library from physical to digital, supporting the way current library users understand and utilize resources for teaching and research. Lori's ability to provide access to the growing digital library collection allowed front-line librarians to focus on teaching users how to find, evaluate, and use information efficiently and effectively, a key characteristic of the Washburn University Student Learning Outcome information literacy.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President JuliAnn Mazachek recommends the Board of Regents designate Dr. Dmitri Nizovtsev, Associate Dean Emeritus and Professor; Dr. Michael Rettig, Professor Emeritus; Dr. Pamela Schmidt, Professor Emeritus; Dr. Louella Moore, Professor Emeritus; Caren Dick, Assistant Professor Emeritus; Sue Unruh, Assistant Professor Emeritus; Georgina Tenny, Senior Lecturer Emeritus; Lori Fenton, Librarian Emeritus.

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** Eminentes Universitatis

**DESCRIPTION:**

Washburn University awards the “Eminentes Universitatis” designation to long-term employees who meet the following requirements: employed as a technical instructor, staff employee or equivalent for a period of ten years or more; retire in good standing; and service performed must be judged to have been meritorious. Currently, we have one employee meeting these requirements.

Tara Porter began her career at Washburn in August 1999 in the registrar’s office. Shortly thereafter she began working as the Licensure Officer in the education department where she was a valuable member of the department for close to 25 years. In her position as the Licensure Officer, Ms. Porter served as the liaison between the education department at Washburn and the Kansas Department of Education. In this role, she was responsible for keeping Washburn faculty and students up to date on the requirements for teacher licensure in Kansas and for reporting completion information to the state. In addition to serving as the licensure officer, Ms. Porter met with potential education students and served as an advisor for many elementary education majors throughout the years. Ms. Porter retired from Washburn in August 2024. Her dedication and commitment to Washburn and the education department helped many students complete the program and become successful teachers.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends the Board of Regents bestow the status of “Eminentes Universitatis” to Tara Porter.

## **Washburn University Board of Regents**

**SUBJECT:** Certificate A - Addition for Cabinetry & Millwork Manufacturing Program

### **DESCRIPTION:**

In response to feedback from the advisory committee and to better align the program with industry workforce needs, Washburn Institute of Technology is adding a Certificate A in Cabinet & Millwork Manufacturing. This new credential complements the existing Certificate C and provides students with a structured pathway to gain foundational skills and enter the workforce more quickly while maintaining alignment with industry standards.

The Certificate A program introduces students to the core competencies required for entry-level production roles in the cabinet and millwork manufacturing industry. Coursework emphasizes essential skills such as material processing, component assembly, and quality control practices necessary to produce high-quality cabinet and millwork products. The program also focuses on workplace safety, construction fundamentals, and basic finishing processes which are key areas identified by industry partners as critical for new employees.

Students completing Certificate A will earn industry-recognized credentials including the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) Core, the NCCER Cabinetmaking credential, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 30, ensuring graduates possess verified foundational knowledge and safe work practices. The existing Certificate C will continue to focus on advanced manufacturing processes and skills that prepare students for expanded responsibilities such as production leadership, crew supervision, and operational support roles.

By offering both a Certificate A and Certificate C, the program creates multiple entry and exit points that increase accessibility, support student success, and better meet the workforce demands of the cabinet and millwork manufacturing industry.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No additional costs are anticipated.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends that the Board of Regents approve the addition of the Cabinetry & Millwork Manufacturing, Certificate A program.

## **Washburn University Board of Regents**

**SUBJECT:** New Program: Graduate Certificate in Health Science

**DESCRIPTION:**

The 12-credit Graduate Certificate in Health Science is designed for health professionals who want graduate-level preparation in core health science competencies that support effective practice across clinical and organizational health care environments. Coursework emphasizes legal/ethical issues, systems thinking and safety, and research methods in health care. The certificate serves as a stand-alone credential and may be used as a direct pathway for future completion of the Master of Health Science (MHS) degree.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No additional costs are anticipated.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President JuliAnn Mazachek recommends that the Washburn Board of Regents approve the addition of the Graduate Certificate in Health Science.

## **Washburn University Board of Regents**

**SUBJECT:** New Program: Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Certificate in Higher Education Teaching is an interdisciplinary graduate certificate designed to prepare Criminal Justice graduate students for teaching roles in college and university classrooms. Developed collaboratively by the Education Department and the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Department, the certificate requires 15 credit hours, consisting of four education courses and one practicum that allows students to apply course content to a post-secondary criminal justice teaching experience. This interdisciplinary certificate equips students with best practices and tools for effective postsecondary teaching, including course design, student engagement, classroom management, educational research, and the integration of technology. The practicum allows the Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) graduate program to provide experiences tailored to its own professional and academic context.

This program situates Washburn University as the only known institution in Kansas offering targeted preparation for college-level teaching across disciplines.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No additional costs are anticipated.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President JuliAnn Mazachek recommends that the Washburn Board of Regents approve the addition of the Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching.

## **Washburn University Board of Regents**

**SUBJECT:** New Program: Master of Education (M.Ed.) in the Science of Literacy

### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) in the Science of Literacy will replace the current M.Ed. Reading Specialist Program and provide a modernized, research-driven graduate program aligned with current literacy research and educational policy. The program requires 30 credit hours and offers a comprehensive study of the Science of Reading, with a strong emphasis on structured literacy methodologies, research literacy, leadership, and advocacy in literacy education.

The curriculum reflects significant advancements in research on literacy acquisition, including findings from neuroscience, linguistics, and evidence-based instructional practices. In response to these developments, the proposed program is designed to better prepare educators to implement effective literacy instruction and interventions in P–12 settings. Coursework will also develop candidates’ skills in analyzing research, conducting original inquiry, and applying literacy leadership practices through authentic advocacy, partnership, and leadership experiences. This program also aligns with recent state legislation and educational policy changes, including requirements for dyslexia screening and updated literacy training for teachers. Additionally, there is renewed discussion at the state level about reinstating requirements for reading specialists in certain schools, which could further increase demand for highly trained literacy professionals.

By addressing the growing need for literacy expertise in both general P–12 education classrooms and specialized literacy roles, the program positions graduates to serve as instructional leaders in literacy improvement efforts. This new degree will allow Washburn University to lead regionally with an innovative program designed to meet evolving educational needs and workforce demands in literacy education in Kansas.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No additional costs are anticipated.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

President JuliAnn Mazachek recommends that the Washburn Board of Regents approve the addition of the Master of Education in the Science of Literacy.

## **Washburn University Board of Regents**

**SUBJECT:** New Program: Graduate Certificate in the Science of Literacy

### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Graduate Certificate in the Science of Literacy is designed to provide P–12 educators and school leaders with foundational knowledge and skills in evidence-based literacy instruction. The certificate responds to the increasing demand for professional development in the Science of Literacy and offers educators a structured pathway to deepen their expertise.

The program consists of 12 credit hours across five courses that introduce candidates to core principles of the Science of Literacy, including effective literacy assessment and instruction for students in grades P–12. Through coursework and applied learning, participants will develop the ability to implement evidence-based literacy practices within their classrooms and schools. This certificate addresses the professional learning needs of practicing educators, many of whom are required to demonstrate continued professional development throughout their careers. By offering a certificate option, the program provides a flexible and accessible pathway for educators seeking specialized knowledge without pursuing an additional degree.

The program responds to a growing demand for Science of Literacy training within Kansas, allowing educators to obtain this credential locally rather than relying on national online certification programs. The certificate is also designed to be stackable, serving as a foundation for further study. As a result, credits earned may be applied toward the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in the Science of Literacy (pending approval).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No additional costs are anticipated.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

President JuliAnn Mazachek recommends that the Washburn Board of Regents approve the addition of the Graduate Certificate in the Science of Literacy.

## **Washburn University Board of Regents**

**SUBJECT:** Washburn USW Local 307L-4 Memorandum of Agreement

**DESCRIPTION:**

The current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Washburn University and the United Steel Workers Local 307L-4 expired on January 31, 2026, with an agreed upon contract extension until March 26<sup>th</sup> or until such time as the new MOA is ratified by both parties. As such, representatives of Washburn and the United Steel Workers met several times during January and February to negotiate a new MOA.

While the university continues to recognize the hard work and persistent efforts of the collective bargaining unit to support Washburn’s mission and programming efforts to effectively recruit and retain talent for these positions, there were needed changes to Appendix A Job Classification and Wage Rates (attached). Historically wages paid to the collective bargaining unit have been negotiated separately from wages and raises for other areas of Washburn. The last pay increase received by the collective bargaining unit was effective February 1, 2025.

Retroactive to February 1, 2026, Washburn is proposing an average 1.8% increase in hourly pay for collective bargaining unit positions. To enhance parity between the bargaining unit and Washburn employees, if at any time during the duration of this MOA Washburn implements a university-wide salary percentage increase and/or stipend (“Salary Program”) for employees not represented by the Union, Washburn shall implement the same Salary Program for the employees represented by the Union. The effective date of the Salary Program for employees represented by the Union will be the same as all university employees not represented by the Union.

In addition to the modifications to the Job Classifications and Wage Rates in Appendix A of the MOA, other enhancements include adding a “senior” level designation to the position titles for Auto Shop Mechanic, Carpenter, Electrician, HVAC Mechanic, Painter and Plumber positions. For these positions, once the incumbent employee completes two (2) years of continuous work in the position they will receive a “senior” title designation and an increase to their hourly wage. Should an employee in one of these positions achieve the “senior” level designation and subsequently leave Washburn the position title will revert to the original title, and the pay level is appropriately reduced. This enhancement does not have impact on the current Senior Custodian, Senior Landscape Technician, or Senior Maintenance Technician positions. No other substantive modifications were made.

The proposed revisions to the MOA were voted on and ratified by the membership of USW 307L-4 on February 24, 2026. The proposed new MOA is a multi-year agreement with an expiration date of January 31, 2029.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No additional funding is needed to cover the remainder of FY26 (February through June).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends the Board approve the new Memorandum of Agreement.

**Memorandum of Agreement between Washburn University and the United Steel Workers  
Local 307L-4**

**Appendix A: Job Classification and Wage Rates**

Job classification and wage rates shall be in accordance with Appendix "A" of this Agreement, effective February 1, ~~2025~~2026.

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Wage Rate</b>
Auto Shop Mechanic	\$25.00
<u>Senior Auto Shop Mechanic</u>	<u>\$26.00</u>
Carpenter	\$21.00
<u>Senior Carpenter</u>	<u>\$22.00</u>
Custodian	<del>\$15.00</del> <u>15.20</u>
Senior Custodian	<del>\$16.00</del> <u>16.20</u>
Electrician	\$29.50
<u>Senior Electrician</u>	<u>\$30.50</u>
Landscape Technician	<del>\$16.50</del> <u>17.16</u>
Senior Landscape Technician	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>18.16</u>
HVAC Mechanic	\$31.00
<u>Senior HVAC Mechanic</u>	<u>\$32.00</u>
Maintenance Technician	<del>\$19.50</del> <u>20.00</u>
Sr. Maintenance Technician	<del>\$21.00</del> <u>21.25</u>
Painter	\$22.00
<u>Senior Painter</u>	<u>\$23.00</u>
Plumber	\$29.00
<u>Senior Plumber</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>

No wage opener until January 31, ~~2026~~2029.

## **Washburn University Board of Regents**

**SUBJECT:** Washburn Housing & Dining Rates for FY27

**DESCRIPTION:**

Housing and dining are auxiliary enterprises and are expected to cover their costs without additional university support. Room rates derive from multiple factors including operations, utilities and capital projects and bond payments. Maintaining healthy reserves (per recommended by the Vice President for Administration and Treasurer) to support unexpected expenses is also important. Washburn also pays attention to other housing rate increases across the state and tries to stay within a fair range of those. We are mindful of the rising cost of college for students and know that room and board is a part of that cost. It is a factor in determining what is needed to maintain and continually enhance our building portfolio and services.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This year we propose an average room rate increase of 2.99% and an average meal plan rate increase of 4.12%. These rates place us in the middle of all KBOR institutions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends the Board of Regents approve the 2026-2027 housing and dining rates as provided.

<b>Housing Rates</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY24-25 % Inc.</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY25-26 % Inc.</b>	<b>Proposed FY27</b>	<b>Proposed % Inc.</b>
<b>LLC</b>							
Private	\$8,064	\$8,342	3.45%	\$8,509	2.00%	\$8,764	3.00%
Single	\$5,968	\$6,174	3.45%	\$6,297	1.99%	\$6,484	2.97%
Double	\$5,374	\$5,560	3.46%	\$5,671	2.00%	\$5,840	2.98%
<b>Lincoln</b>							
Single	\$8,541	\$8,838	3.48%	\$9,103	3.00%	\$9,376	3.00%
Double	\$5,968	\$6,176	3.49%	\$6,361	3.00%	\$6,550	2.97%
<b>West</b>							
Double	-	-	-	\$5,671	-	\$5,840	2.98%
<b>Villages</b>							
Single	\$8,598	\$8,896	3.47%	\$9,074	2.00%	\$9,346	3.00%
Double	\$5,731	\$5,928	3.44%	\$6,047	2.01%	\$6,228	2.99%
<b>Phi Delta Theta</b>							
Double	\$5,375	\$5,560	3.44%	\$5,671	2.00%	\$5,840	2.98%

<b>Housing Rates</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY24-25 % Inc.</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY25-26 % Inc.</b>	<b>Proposed FY27</b>	<b>Proposed % Inc.</b>
<b>Declining Balance</b>							
LLC	\$4,080	\$4,230	3.68%	\$4,380	3.55%	\$4,560	4.11%
Village	\$1,980	\$2,050	3.54%	\$2,120	3.41%	\$2,210	4.25%
<b>Swipe Plans</b>							
14 Swipes/Week	\$4,600	\$4,760	3.48%	\$4,930	3.57%	\$5,130	4.06%
All Access	\$5,510	\$5,700	3.45%	\$5,900	3.51%	\$6,140	4.07%
Phi Delta Theta	\$1,380	\$1,480	7.25%	\$1,580	6.76%	\$1,740	10.13%

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** Capital Projects and Equipment from the Debt Retirement and Construction Fund

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Each year, the Board approves the lists of proposed capital maintenance, other equipment, and technology equipment expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. These expenditures are funded from the annual Ad Valorem and motor vehicle tax revenue in the Debt Retirement and Construction (DR&C) Fund.

The overall process begins in the fall, when requests are submitted to Facilities and ITS for review and cost estimates. The CIO and the Assistant Vice President of Facilities work with units across campus to evaluate needs and establish priorities, which are then reviewed by the Cabinet and approved by the President. This year includes the first year of fifteen payments for the campus mechanical systems upgrade ESCO project.

Attached is the list of capital maintenance, equipment and technology expenditures for which the administration has prioritized and requests approval. The proposed expenditures for FY27 will be funded by Ad Valorem and motor vehicle tax revenue in the DR&C Fund collected in FY26. Attached is a five-year history of the DR&C Fund and the projected financial results for the DR&C Fund, with the proposed expenditures for FY27.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Proposed project expenditures for FY27 include \$3.8 million in capital expenditures, \$343,000 for equipment, and \$844,000 for technology, for a total of \$5 million to be funded by FY26 revenues.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends approval of the capital projects, equipment, and technology expenditures as listed in attached pages.

## Debt Retirement and Construction Fund (DRC)

	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY25	Projected FY26
<b>REVENUE</b>					
AdValorem & Motor Vehicle Taxes	3,868,441	4,081,327	4,828,953	4,831,575	5,176,198
Sales and Other Taxes	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Bond Proceeds, Series 2018 & 2021	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Lease - Tech int portion	-	15,868	-	-	-
Transfer from Other Funds	4,554,946	3,801,702	3,640,154	3,642,294	3,650,427 *
	<u>8,673,387</u>	<u>8,148,897</u>	<u>8,719,107</u>	<u>8,723,869</u>	<u>9,076,625</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Bond Payments	3,816,404	3,394,627	3,897,551	3,879,730	4,916,802 **
Bond Principal Refunded	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Issue Costs	-	-	-	421,128	-
Capital Lease Principal	277,696	-	-	-	-
Capital Lease Interest	52,895	-	-	-	-
Maintenance Projects	2,750,055	3,590,500	3,494,666	3,470,000	3,500,000
Equipment	1,326,447	1,208,363	855,238	1,542,997	1,500,000
	<u>8,223,497</u>	<u>8,193,490</u>	<u>8,247,455</u>	<u>9,313,855</u>	<u>9,916,802</u>
<b>Net Activity</b>	<u>\$ 449,890</u>	<u>\$ (44,593)</u>	<u>\$ 471,652</u>	<u>\$ (589,986)</u>	<u>\$ (840,177)</u>
<b>Beginning Available Net Assets</b>	1,014,395	1,464,285	1,419,692	1,891,343	1,301,357
Less Commitments:					
Major Capital Projects					
Net Activity	449,890	(44,593)	471,652	(589,986)	(840,177)
<b>Ending Available Net Assets</b>	<u>1,464,285</u>	<u>1,419,692</u>	<u>1,891,343</u>	<u>1,301,357</u>	<u>461,180</u>

\*Represents transfers \$160,549, from Housing Operations, WU Village; and \$160,549 from Housing Operation, LLC (2021A-2 and 2021B) and \$1,633,244 from Housing Operations, Lincoln Hall; and \$301,879 from Lincoln Dining Operations (Series 2015 A & B and 2021A-2 and 2021B); and \$710,300 from Sales Tax for Indoor Athletic Facility (Series 2018); and \$683,906 for the School of Law (2021A), for a total of \$3,650,427.

\*\*Represents total debt service payments.

<b>Bond Payments:</b>					
Series 2015A	722,568	722,568	1,392,568	1,273,343	1,154,718
Series 2015B	103,164	103,164	458,164	455,527	457,781
Series 2018	706,700	706,100	709,900	707,900	710,300
Series 2021 A-1	316,856	681,857	685,906	684,506	683,906
Series 2021 A-2	126,888	126,888	161,888	590,838	597,238
Series 2021	1,840,228	1,054,050	489,125	60,938	60,938
Series 2025A				81,396	1,029,700
Series 2025B				25,283	222,222
<b>Total Bond Payments</b>	<u>3,816,404</u>	<u>3,394,627</u>	<u>3,897,551</u>	<u>3,879,730</u>	<u>4,916,802</u>

**Washburn University Capital Improvement Requests**  
**FY26 Funding for FY27 Projects**

Building	Area	Unit	Project Name	Est Cost
Art Building	VPAA	Art	Art Building Sculpture Safety Concerns	\$ 15,000
Stoffer	VPAA	Academic Affairs	Stoffer Break Room	25,000
Campus-wide	VPAA	Academic Affairs	Classroom Upgrades	150,000
<b>Total VPAA</b>				<b>\$ 190,000</b>
Yager Stadium	Athletics	Athletics	Replacement of Yager Turf - Phase 2 of 2	\$ 650,000
<b>Total Athletics</b>				<b>\$ 650,000</b>
Plass	VPSL	Student Life	Relocate Student Accomodations, TRIO, and Military Services	50,000
SRSC	VPSL	Student Life	SWRC Gym Floor Refinishing	38,828
<b>Total VPSL</b>				<b>\$ 88,828</b>
Campus-wide	VPAT	Information Technology Services	Camera Refresh 2026-2027	\$ 42,500
Bennett Computer Center	VPAT	Information Technology Services	Data Center Router Upgrade VDX 6740's	75,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	Information Technology Services	Network Switch Upgrades	188,600
Memorial Union	VPAT	Memorial Union	Memorial Union Carpet Paint Trash and recycling receptacles and branding refresh.(and restrooms)	125,000
Memorial Union	VPAT	Ichabod Shop	Ichabod Shop On the Go Equipment & Updated Branding	18,000
Memorial Union	VPAT	Memorial Union	Memorial Union Lincoln room option 2	15,000
<b>Total VPAT</b>				<b>\$ 464,100</b>
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Branding / Graphics / Paint in Campus Buildings	\$ 50,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	ADA & Accomodation Improvements	25,000
Carole Chapel	VPAT	Carole Chapel	Carole Chapel Window Repairs	50,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	ESCO Debt Service Payment - 1 of 16	902,504
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Concrete Parking Lots & Sidewalks Repairs	100,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Campus Roof Repairs and Replacement	120,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Campus Plumbing & Sewer Repairs & Replacement	30,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Campus Annual Inspections & Repairs	80,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Campus Fire Alarm Upgrades	100,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Campus Exterior Envelope Refresh	50,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Campus Elevator Refresh & Repairs	100,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Campus Buidling Automation System (BAS)Upgrades	50,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Campus Asbestos Abatement	25,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	IT Fiber Loop Project	523,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Natural Gas EFM Meters (17 meters x \$2400/ea)	35,000
Campus-wide	VPAT	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Emergency/Misc Fund (Union East Ext Stairs, Plass East Entry Rails)	179,473
<b>Total Facilities Services</b>				<b>\$ 2,419,977</b>
<b>Total FY27 Capital Projects</b>				<b>\$ 3,812,905</b>

**Washburn University Other Equipment Requests  
FY26 Funding for FY27 Requests**

Area	Unit	Project Name	Est Cost
Mabee Library	Allied Health	Respiratory Therapy Ventilator	\$ 17,900
Garvey Fine Arts Center	Theatre	Wireles Communication System: Neese Gray Theatre	34,310
VPAA	Academic Affairs	Academic Equipment Refresh	40,000
<b>Total VPAA</b>			<b>\$ 92,210</b>
Mabee Library	University Mail & Printing Services	Postage Meter Machine	\$ 20,000
Campus-wide	University Police	University Police Equipment Replacement	25,000
<b>Total VPAT</b>			<b>\$ 45,000</b>
Petro Allied Health Center	VPSL	Furniture for Petro Foyer	\$ 20,000
<b>Total VPSL</b>			<b>\$ 20,000</b>
Petro Allied Health Center	Football	FB Helmets & Shoulder Pads	\$ 45,000
Petro Allied Health Center	Athletics	Team Uniforms - Olympic Sports	40,000
Athletics	Athletics	Athletics Equipment	30,000
<b>Total Athletics</b>			<b>\$ 115,000</b>
Campus-wide	FS-Campus Wide Infrastructure	Facilities Services Equipment Refresh	\$ 71,000
<b>Total Facilities Services</b>			<b>\$ 71,000</b>
<b>Total FY27 Other Equipment Projects</b>			<b>\$ 343,210</b>

**Washburn University Technology Requests  
FY26 Funding for FY27 Requests**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>
VPAT	Information Technology Services	Managed Network Honeypots	\$ 7,500
VPAT	Information Technology Services	Laptop Kiosk Replacement	48,000
VPAT	Information Technology Services	FY2027 Mac Replacements	150,000
VPAT	Information Technology Services	Lenovo Lease FY2025-FY2028	373,385
VPAT	SARR	Laptops with high performance processors for SARR Staff	5,000
VPAT	Finance	Consultant for Banner Finance Efficiencies	150,000
VPAT	Business and Auxiliary Services	Campus Card Transaction database software replacment	110,000
<b>Total VPAT</b>			<b>\$ 843,885</b>
<b>Total FY27 Technology Projects</b>			<b>\$ 843,885</b>

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** FY26 Washburn Tech Capital Expenditures

**DESCRIPTION:**

Each year the Board approves the list of proposed capital maintenance, other equipment, and technology equipment projects from the Capital Outlay Fund.

This year's list is attached and will be funded from the current year (FY26) Capital Outlay State Aid and Washburn Tech required Matching Funds.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Total budget for Washburn Tech Capital Expenditures is \$984,690 comprised of \$492,345 from Capital Outlay State Aid and \$492,345 from required Matching Funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends the Board of Regents approve the proposed expenditures from the FY26 Washburn Tech Capital Outlay funds.

FY26 Budget

Capital Outlay State Aid: \$492,345  
Required Matching Funds: \$492,345  
Total: \$984,690

FY26 Proposed Tech Capital List (\$984,690)

Emergency repairs: \$100,000  
HVAC (Conference Center): \$400,000  
Concrete/Asphalt repairs at North: \$220,000  
Carpet: \$22,000  
Signage: \$40,000  
Welding Ventilation and Motor: \$50,000  
Mower for East and Tractor Mower for McPherson Land: \$40,000  
North Janitorial and General Facility Equipment (trash cans, dispensers, first aid kits, etc.):  
\$50,000  
Misc.: \$62,690 (truck plow, new classroom chairs, Foundation review of buildings A&C, etc.)

## Washburn University Board of Regents

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectrometer Emergency Purchase

**DESCRIPTION:**

On February 11, 2026, the Chemistry department expressed an urgent need to purchase a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectrometer to replace their Varian NMR, which was installed in November 2007 and is no longer operational. The NMR instrument is needed for lab classes and current research projects, and access to NMR instrumentation is one of the guidelines for American Chemical Society (ACS) Approval. The Washburn Chemistry department has been ACS-approved to offer Certified degrees since February 1, 1970.

The department obtained quotes from multiple vendors, and timing constraints did not allow for a formal RFP process. The quote obtained from Bruker Biospin Corporation (“Bruker”) totaled \$285,505, which was \$163,000 less than the most comparable quote received. The Chemistry department secured partial funding in the amount of \$250,000 through an allocation from Kansas Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (K-INBRE) which requires the instrument to be installed by April 30, 2026. Remaining funding was identified from university funds.

Emergency authorization of this purchase was requested, and the purchase was approved by President Mazachek upon consultation with and support from Board Chair Dietrick.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The purchase of \$285,505 is funded by an allocation of \$250,000 from K-INBRE, with the remaining \$35,505 coming from identified university funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Mazachek recommends the Board of Regents ratify the approved purchase of the NMR Spectrometer for \$285,505 from Bruker Biospin Corporation.

## **Washburn University Board of Regents**

**SUBJECT:** AE Hall – Roof Deck Concept – Informational

**DESCRIPTION:**

During construction of the Advisors Excel Hall Project, the idea of a roof deck on the south side of the building was considered. The roof deck would reside above classrooms 109B & C and would be accessed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor South corridor. We considered the idea and consulted with the Washburn Foundation about the costs of such an addition to the building. Both parties agreed it would be feasible to add the scope to the project.

An initial rough estimate of \$500,000 was proposed for the addition. A concept drawing and rendering was developed to show the potential final product. The design team is currently working on the detailed design of the deck.

The Foundation was able to find donors to fully fund the additional scope up to a maximum budget of \$500,000.

The total project budget will increase to \$43,000,000. The added roof deck is planned to be completed withing the schedule of the overall project schedule.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The total project budget will increase to \$43,000,000, with the additional \$500,000 being fully funded by private gifts.