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Washburn Board of Regents Meeting

Conference Call

Thursday, 7/6/2023

2:00 - 3:00 PM CT

I. Call to Order

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IV. Adjournment

Washburn University Board of Regents

SUBJECT: Committee Appointments for the Board of Regents

DESCRIPTION:

The Bylaws of the Board of Regents state the Board may appoint committees pertaining to the welfare of the University. The committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board. The Chairperson of the Board and the President of the University are ex-officio members of all committees of the Board.

The Chair recommends the following appointments:

Budget/Finance Committee – John Dietrick (Chair), Jennifer Sourk, Angel Romero, Shelly Buhler (ex-officio), President Mazachek (ex-officio)

Audit Committee – Craig Hulse (Chair), Mike Padilla, Jake Fisher, Shelly Buhler (ex-officio), President Mazachek (ex-officio)

Nominating Committee – Angel Romero (Chair), John Nave, John Dietrick, Shelly Buhler (ex-officio), President Mazachek (ex-officio)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Mazachek recommends the Board approve the above listed committee appointments to serve during the 2023-24 Fiscal Year.

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Washburn University Board of Regents

SUBJECT: Name of New Building

DESCRIPTION:

The Board of Regents approves the naming of buildings and other physical facilities within Washburn University and Washburn Tech campuses. We consider the naming of a building to be among the highest honors that Washburn can bestow. To preserve the integrity of this significant honor, it has been Washburn's and the Board of Regents' intent this recognition be reserved for those individuals or organizations who have made exceptional contributions to Washburn, such as exemplary personal and/or professional contributions, meritorious service, or substantial financial commitments. Naming requests for a Washburn University or Washburn Tech facility are brought forward to the Board of Regents by the President of Washburn.

The former Senator Robert J. Dole is one of the most notable alumni of Washburn University School of Law. Dole, ba '52, jd '52, h '69, h '85, was born in Russell, Kansas, on July 22, 1923, and enlisted in the Army in 1942. After recovering from an injury sustained during World War II, he enrolled at Washburn. He went on to serve in the Kansas House of Representatives, as Russell County (Kansas) attorney and as a member of the United States House of Representatives before spending nearly 30 years as a U.S. senator.

He was chair of the Republican National Committee, Senate minority leader and Senate majority leader, where he set a record as the longest-serving Republican leader. Dole was President Gerald Ford's vice-presidential running mate in 1976 and a Republican presidential candidate in both 1988 and 1996, earning the GOP nomination in 1996. He served as national chair of the World War II Memorial Campaign. In January 2018, Dole was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress' highest civilian honor. He was given an honorary promotion to Army colonel that same year.

Dole remained committed to serving and giving back to Washburn throughout his life. Along with his wife, Sen. Elizabeth Dole, they established and funded at Washburn the Senator Robert J. Dole Law Professorship, the Robert J. Dole Center for Law and Government and the Honorable Robert J. Dole Scholarship for Law Students with Disabilities. They also made substantial gifts to other areas on campus including the new School of Law building. He served on the School of Law board of governors and the Alumni Association and Foundation board of trustees.

Washburn University recognized Dole with two honorary doctor of law degrees in 1969 and 1985. A bronze statue of Dole was erected on campus in 2018 and an outdoor plaza at the new School of Law building will be named in his honor. The Washburn Alumni Association honored Dole with a Distinguished Service Award in 1966, and the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association gave him a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

Dole built relationships throughout his life based on trust, respect and integrity with an unmatched ability to work “across the aisle” to solve problems and formulate solutions for citizens, our state, and our nation.

The late Senator Robert J. Dole made an exceptional contribution to Washburn University and the School of Law through exemplary civic commitment, professional leadership, and meritorious service. In recognition, the University would like to honor Dole by naming the newest building on Washburn University campus at the corner of 21st and Washburn, designated for the Washburn University School of Law, as Robert J. Dole Hall.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Mazachek recommends the Board approve naming the newest building on Washburn University campus, at the corner of 21st and Washburn, as Robert J. Dole Hall.

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