

September 7, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ Brian Pitcher, Chancellor, WSU Spokane  
Bryan Slinker, Vice Provost for Health Sciences

FROM: Christine R. Hoyt   
Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Regents

SUBJECT: Designation of WSU Spokane as the Health Science Campus

This memo is to confirm that at the September 3, 2010, Board of Regents meeting, the WSU Board of Regents designated WSU Spokane as Washington State University's Health Science Campus.

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Attachment

## **ACTION ITEM #4**

### Designation of WSU Spokane as the Health Science Campus (Elson S. Floyd)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Designation of WSU Spokane as the Health Science Campus

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve the attached Resolution that designates WSU Spokane as Washington State University's Health Science Campus

SUBMITTED BY: Elson S. Floyd, President

SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION: See attached resolution.

# BOARD OF REGENTS

## Designation of WSU Spokane as the Health Science Campus

### Resolution #100903-391

WHEREAS, Washington State University has a unique opportunity to address global health issues from urban to rural by aligning medicine, pharmacy, nursing, public health, veterinary medicine, the design professions, education and more, to discover knowledge that will broaden understanding of individual, community, and societal contributors to health; and

WHEREAS, Washington State University's land-grant tradition of translating research into practical application in our daily lives extends to applied/translational research, delivery of programs to improve people and communities, and clinical practice in the health sciences; and

WHEREAS, Washington State University has a long history of excellence in the education of health professionals, preparing nurses, pharmacists, medical students, veterinarians, and others with the skills and knowledge to contribute to the health care team; and

WHEREAS, Washington State University research in the health sciences contributes to its stature as a top tier public, land-grant research university, attracts graduate and professional students, improves our knowledge of health and disease, and brings in millions of dollars to the university and the state each year in competitive grants and contracts; and

WHEREAS, Spokane is home to a large regional medical center with strong hospital systems, outstanding healthcare practitioners who support education and research, and an innovative electronic medical record and data management system that offers scientists a readily accessible resource for the evidence-based medical research of the future; and

WHEREAS, our society faces tremendous challenges with respect to delivering the most effective healthcare to all our citizens—challenges that create opportunities for a forward-thinking university that is ready to move ahead strategically with a fresh vision; and

WHEREAS, by action of the state legislature WSU is charged to develop and operate the Riverpoint Campus, collaborating with university and community partners to provide highest priority "educational pathways and programs to the citizens of the Spokane area"; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane community and its leadership have demonstrated their support for the health sciences focus at the Riverpoint Campus through their successful advocacy for local, state, and federal funding and projects to enhance the campus; and

WHEREAS, a 2010 study by national experts projects that research and education at an Academic Health Sciences Center that takes advantage of the resources provided by the Riverpoint Campus, area healthcare services, and associated business/industry spin-offs will drive the regional economy with a \$2.1 billion annual statewide impact at full build-out; and

WHEREAS, the nature of healthcare education and research are changing to emphasize interprofessional connections, creating tremendous opportunities for a new campus with a new approach that embraces co-education of health professionals; and

WHEREAS, success in transforming our healthcare system must start with preparation for college, and WSU Spokane is home to a number of programs that reach thousands of students

each year in K-12 education to encourage them to pursue studies in science, including a recent designation as the first Biomedical Sciences affiliate of Project Lead The Way on the West Coast, and only the fourth in the nation; and

WHEREAS, by acting boldly now we will lead the way with new interprofessional approaches that better prepare our graduates, advance evidence-based treatment, improve patient outcomes, and create a measurably healthier Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of Washington State University designates WSU Spokane as the university's health science campus, with a focus and commitment to grow graduate and professional education in the biomedical and health sciences, discover new knowledge through fundamental and translational research, and engage with people and communities throughout the region and the state to improve health in order to create a full-fledged research-intensive enterprise that will become America's next great academic health science center in Spokane.

DATED this 3rd day of September, 2010.



Chair of the Board of Regents



Secretary to the Board of Regents