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STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

The Board of Trustees and the Associated Students of Western Washington University have many goals in common. We share a commitment to the mission and the importance of creating an environment that enhances the quality of education for all students. It is unfortunate when a conflict resulting in a lawsuit interferes with the achievement of these goals at a time when the very future of the University is threatened.

The Associated Students have determined that despite their concerns about the Board of Trustees' actions and attitudes with respect to the development of search procedures, the good faith operation of the University should and must be paramount in the minds of both parties. Therefore, and because there is presently insufficient clear precedent with respect to the relatively new Open Meetings Act, the Associated Students agree to drop the current litigation with prejudice.

Both parties are committed to improving their mutual relationship and have reached the following agreements in efforts to strengthen open communication so that the focus is on significant issues facing the University in the coming year.

When the Board of Trustees meets in executive session, the general purpose of the meeting will be stated; the Attorney General's office will provide a written opinion as to the precise definition of "personnel matters". Further, to improve communication between the Associated Students' Board and the Board of Trustees, an information item from the Associated Students will be placed on the agenda of each Trustee meeting. Additional provisions will be forthcoming reflective of this effort.

The Board of Trustees recognizes and supports the right of the Associated Students to have independent counsel as determined by the Education Division of the Attorney General's office in those instances where it is determined that a conflict of interest may exist on issues involving official functions of the Associated Students' Board with respect to the Assistant Attorney General's role to the Board of Trustees.

The Associated Students' Board will sponsor an open student forum with each final presidential candidate.

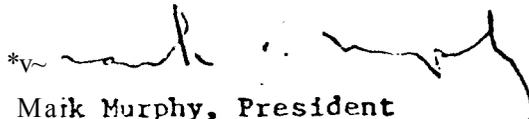
Finally, It is agreed that issues such as procedures for presidential and other major administrative searches, possibilities of student representation and/or involvement in Board structures, methods of increasing awareness

of and involvement in major issues affecting the University, will be the subject of Board of Trustees and Associated Students' Board discussions in the fall.

Both the Board of Trustees and the Associated Students' Board are committed to working together, and we see these agreements as a positive step.



Curtis Dalrymple, Chairman
Board of Trustees



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