

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee**Naming the new Ethnic Cultural Center the “Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center”RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit, and Facilities Committee that the Board of Regents approve naming the new Ethnic Cultural Center building the “Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center.”

BACKGROUND

The late Dr. Samuel E. Kelly was the first Vice President of the UW Office of Minority Affairs and rendered distinguished service to the University and the local community.

Dr. Kelly was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1926 and served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1966, rising from the rank of Private to Colonel. Upon his retirement from the Army, Dr. Kelly knew he wanted to spend the remainder of his life as an educator. Soon afterwards, when he began teaching at Everett Junior College, he became the first African American hired in the Washington State Community College System. He later taught at Shoreline Community College where he helped establish an ethnic studies program.

In 1970, he became the first African American senior administrator at the University of Washington when UW President Charles Odegaard appointed him Vice President for Minority Affairs, a post he held for six years. During that period, he also earned his doctorate in higher-education administration at the UW, and became a tenured faculty member in the College of Education's graduate program.

Dr. Kelly set the standard for, and established a commitment to, diversity before it was popular among American colleges and universities. He also put his knowledge to work in service to his community. He urged others to follow his example and worked tirelessly to increase the number of students of color at the University of Washington, and to provide them with the opportunities to advance their education and, in turn, serve their own communities.

Several of the programs established during his tenure still serve hundreds of UW students on a daily basis. The Educational Opportunity Program Counseling Center and the Ethnic Cultural Center/Theater are two such examples. Not only do these programs continue to thrive on our campus, but they serve as the impetus

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Dr. Samuel E. Kelly’s work made diversity a priority for the University of Washington.

The current Facilities and Spaces Naming Policy states that “Buildings named for an individual or family generally will be termed ‘[blank] Hall’.” An exception to the policy is requested for this naming so that Dr. Kelly can be honored for his distinguished service to the University and community.

REVIEW AND APPROVALS

In accordance with University procedures, the University Names Committee, the Provost and Executive Vice President, and the President have reviewed and approved this request.

Attachments

1. July 8, 2011 Letter from Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange to University Names Committee (including attachments)
2. December 7, 2011 Letter of Approval from the University Names Committee with concurrence from President Michael Young



Date: July 8, 2011

To: Daniel S. Friedman
Dean and Professor, College of Built Environments
Chair, University Names Committee

From: Sheila Edwards Lange
Vice President for Minority Affairs
Vice Provost for Diversity

Re: Proposed Renaming of the UW Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity Ethnic Cultural Center to the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center

The current Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC) building on the UW Seattle campus is undergoing a major reconstruction. It is the recommendation of the President's Minority Community Advisory Committee (MCAC), the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity staff, the Professional Staff Organization (PSO), and community organizations that the UW Board of Regents approve naming the renovated building the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center.

Background:

The MCAC has proposed to Interim President Wise that the renovated ECC building on the UW Seattle campus be named the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center. Signed petitions in support of this recommendation have been collected, a web site was created for public comment, and letters have been submitted from community groups in support of this proposal.

The late Dr. Kelly was the first vice president of the UW Office of Minority Affairs (1970) and rendered distinguished service to the University. His contributions continue to have a profound effect on society. The programs put in place during his tenure are serving hundreds of UW students today. For example, the Educational Opportunity Program Counseling Center, Instructional Center, and the ECC/Theatre are just a few that serve as models for other UW programs and for higher education institutions across the country. Not only do these programs continue to thrive, but they serve as the impetus for other successful student-centered initiatives at the UW. Dr. Kelly's work made diversity a priority for the UW.

As former Washington Governor Daniel Evans stated in his Foreword in Dr. Kelly's recent autobiography, "He was a giant protector of the right of all citizens and the integrity of the University. Sam Kelly helped make us a far better state."

ATTACHMENT 1

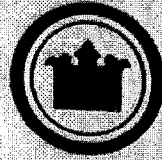
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I have attached support documentation for your information. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. I look forward to hearing your decision.

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1. July 27, 2009 Copy of Metropolitan King County Council Memorial to Dr. Samuel E. Kelly, Sr.
2. February 22, 2011 Letter from the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
3. March 18, 2011 Response letter from Interim President Wise to JACL
4. March 22, 2011 Letter from the UW President's Minority Community Advisory Committee
5. March 30, 2011 Letter acknowledging receipt of proposal from Interim President Wise
6. April 27, 2011 Letter from the UW Professional Staff Organization
7. Signed petition documents
8. Roster of UW President's Minority Community Advisory Committee Members
9. OMA&D 2009-2010 Annual Report



Metropolitan King County Council

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel E. Kelly Sr. was chosen by former University of Washington President Charles Odegaard as the university's first Vice President of the Office of Minority Affairs (OMA) in 1970; and

WHEREAS, before his appointment as Vice President of the OMA, Dr. Kelly was the first African American to teach in Washington state's community-college system, at Everett Junior College and then at Shoreline Community College, where he developed its first ethnic studies program; and

WHEREAS, after six years as Vice President of OMA, Dr. Kelly became a Special Assistant to the President while earning his doctorate in higher education administration at the UW, and then became tenured faculty in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly will always be a monumental figure in the history of the UW, as the primary architect of programs that created countless opportunities for thousands of minority and disadvantaged white students to enter and graduate from the university; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly's actions opened the door for many others, as evidenced by his selection of Larry Gossett as his first supervisor of the Black Student Division in the OMA, who eventually became a Metropolitan King County Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly also hired other young, prominent leaders to head the Chicano, Asian American, and Native American divisions of his newly formed Educational Opportunities Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly passed away at his home in Redmond at the age of 83 on July 6th, and is survived by his wife Donna, daughters Brenda Kelly, Sharon North, and Heather Blackthorn, and sons Bill Kelly, and Samuel Kelly Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, recognizes and honors the life of

DR. SAMUEL E. KELLY, SR.

for all his accomplishments and selfless contributions in creating opportunities for so many students at the University of Washington.

DATED this twenty-seventh day of July, 2009.



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February 22, 2011

Interim President Phyllis Wise
University of Washington
301 Gerberding Hall
Box 351230
Seattle, WA 98195

cc: Sheila Edwards-Lange
P/s. draft response. Thanks!
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Dear President Wise:

cc: CSN
CK

I am writing on behalf of the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) to urge your support of renaming the rebuilt Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC) after Dr. Samuel E. Kelly. JACL is a non-profit civil rights, leadership development and community engagement organization that just celebrated our 89th anniversary. A fundamental tenet of our mission throughout these past 89 years is to create a greater America and Washington State through the celebration of our diversity.

JACL firmly believes that one way to celebrate UW's diversity is by honoring Dr. Kelly, the founder of the Office of Minority Affairs and its first Vice President. The unveiling of the new ECC would offer a great opportunity to celebrate the first UW building named after a person of color.

Today, the ECC embodies the vision of Dr. Kelly, offering a wealth of resources and opportunities available to students including student advising, organizational development, personal growth, and referrals to different departments and programs. If ever there were a person of color that the UW should honor, it's Dr. Kelly. UW has clearly honored him through the Samuel E. Kelly Distinguished Faculty Lecture, but that is not enough.

Renaming the ECC building after Dr. Kelly would once again show the Washington way, valuing and honoring diversity. On behalf of JACL, we strongly urge you to ask the Board of Regents to consider honoring the Dr. Kelly as the first Chief Diversity Officer. Thank you for your time and consideration President Wise.

Sincerely,

Ryan Chin
President, JACL Seattle

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Phyllis M. Wise, Interim President

March 18, 2011

Mr. Ryan Chin
President, Seattle Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League
316 Maynard South
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr. Chin:

Thank you for your letter expressing support from the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League for naming the Ethnic Cultural Center after Dr. Samuel E. Kelly. I appreciate the thought and time that went into this gesture. As the first Vice President of the Office of Minority Affairs, Dr. Kelly had a distinguished career at the UW and made a significant contribution to society. Your respected organization is among several that have contacted me in support of the proposal to name the center after him.

According to UW policy regarding naming campus facilities and spaces after individuals, the final decision rests with the Board of Regents, upon recommendation of the President. Please know that I will be working closely with the President's Minority Community Advisory Committee to facilitate this process.

Again, thank you for your input and support.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis M. Wise
Interim President

cc: Dr. Connie Kravas
Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange
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March 22, 2011

Interim President Phyllis M. Wise
Office of the President
University of Washington
Box 351230
Seattle, WA 98195

Dear Interim President Wise:

As Chair of the University of Washington President's Minority Community Advisory Committee, it gives me great pleasure to advise you that at our January 2011 meeting, we unanimously voted to recommend that the rebuilt Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC) be named after the late Dr. Samuel E. Kelly.

Dr. Kelly was the first Vice President of the office of Minority Affairs (1970) and his stellar contributions have had a profound impact on the University community over the past four decades. There is no person who better deserves this honor. Many of the programs put in place during his tenure are serving hundreds of UW students today. Programs such as the Educational Opportunity Program Counseling Center, Instructional Center, and the Ethnic Cultural Center and Theatre serve as models for other higher education institutions. The counseling center guides students toward their majors, the instructional Center provides tutoring to hundreds of students each year, the Ethnic Cultural Center and Theatre offer student leadership development and cultural programming and the list continues. It was his vision that set the tone for making diversity an educational priority at the UW.

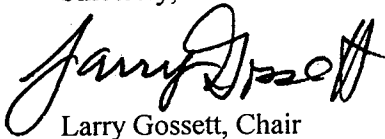
This year the UW will present the 7th annual Samuel E. Kelly Distinguished Faculty Lecture. This lecture is dedicated to acknowledging the work of our distinguished faculty by spotlighting nationally recognized research focusing on diversity and social justice. It is our hope that next year we will be working on how to announce that the ECC has been named the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center.

The members of our advisory committee are composed of leaders from the Black, Asian Pacific Islander, Native and Latino communities from across Washington State. We reflect a wide-range of different viewpoints, life experiences, cultures and politics. We believe wholeheartedly that educational institutions have an opportunity and responsibility to promote awareness of diversity and its importance within a campus community and society.

We understand that the UW has a process regarding naming a building after an individual and that the Board of Regents will make the final decision upon recommendation from the President. We are asking you to officially make this recommendation. If there is any way that we can be of assistance during this process, please let me know. Within the UW community, Washington State and no doubt the country, Dr. Samuel E. Kelly will always be remembered as a person of distinction. His contributions remain

significant to this day and worthy of the special recognition of having the new Ethnic Cultural Center named after him.

Sincerely,



Larry Gossett, Chair
University of Washington President's Minority Community Advisory Committee

cc: Sheila Edwards Lange, Vice President and Vice Provost
Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity



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Phyllis M. Wise, Interim President

March 30, 2011

The Honorable Larry Gossett
Metropolitan King County Council
King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

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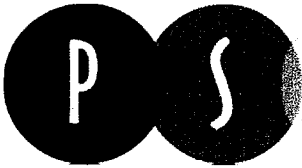
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PROFESSIONAL STAFF ORGANIZATION

April 27, 2011

Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange
Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity
Box 352835
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195

Dear Dr. Lange:

The Professional Staff Organization (PSO) highlights the essential role of, enriches the experience of, and serves as a resource for professional staff at the University of Washington. Our core goals are advocacy, communication, education, professional development, and representation of professional staff.

We are writing this letter to provide our support of the petition to rename the Ethnic Cultural Center in honor of Dr. Samuel E. Kelly. The PSO recognizes and acknowledges Dr. Kelly's effort to make diversity a priority for the University of Washington. His work is in line with our core goals and mission as an organization and it is our privilege to support this petition.

Sincerely,

Anita Rocha
President, Professional Staff Organization

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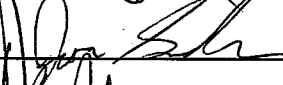
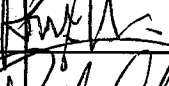
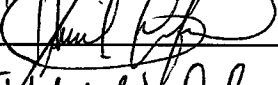
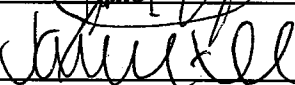
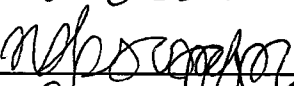
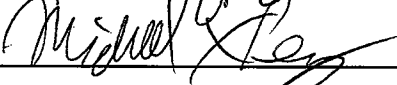

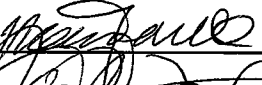
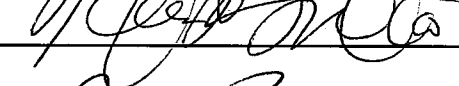


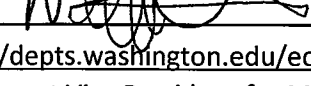
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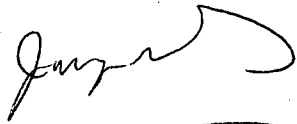
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Denny madut		MAPS
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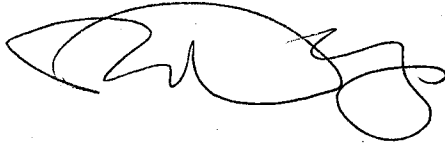
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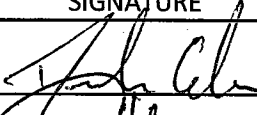
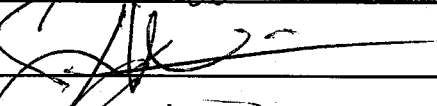


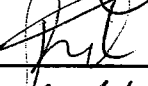
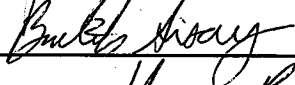
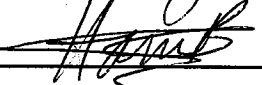





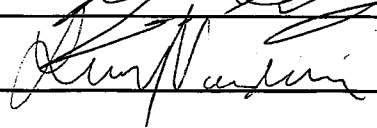
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Brukab Szay		Ubuntu / P.I.P.E
Hanna Barker		SSA
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Kathryn Alca		FASA
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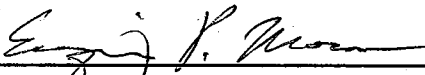
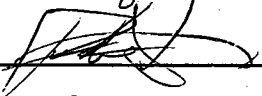
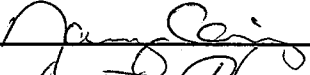
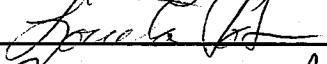

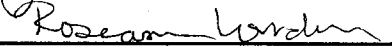
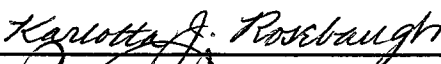
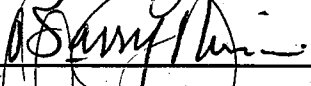

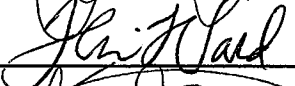

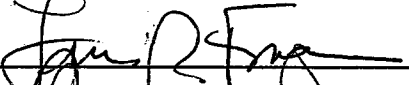
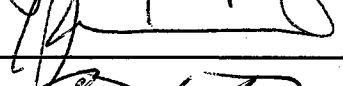

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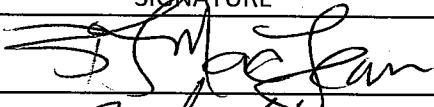

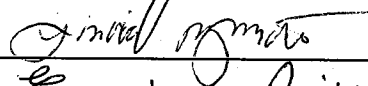



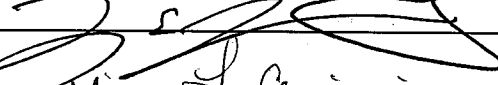
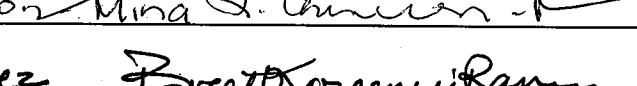
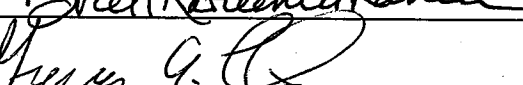
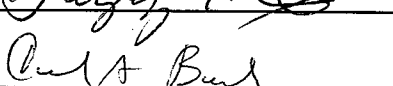
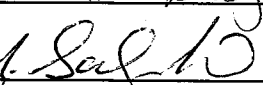
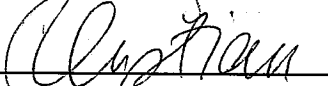
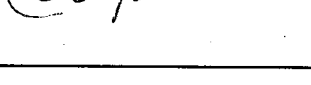
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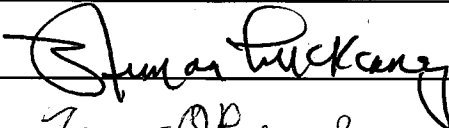
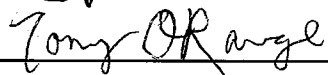
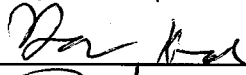

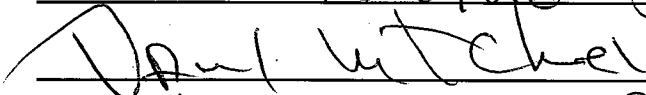

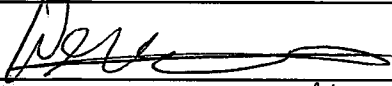
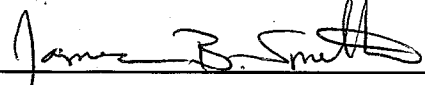
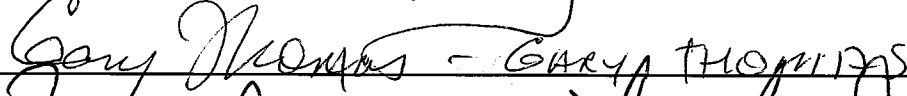
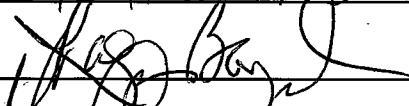
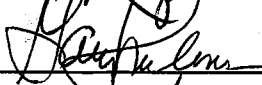
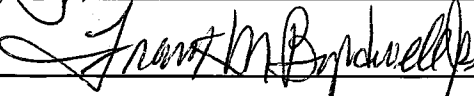
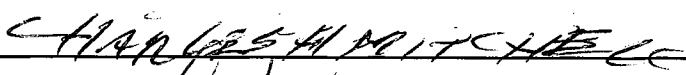

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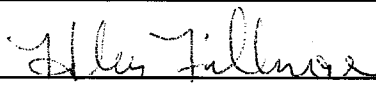
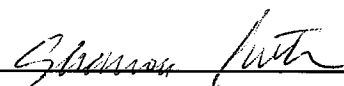
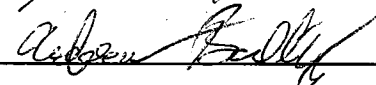
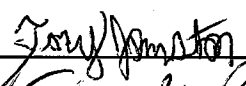
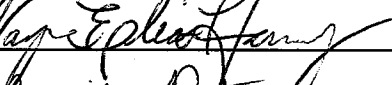
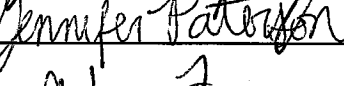
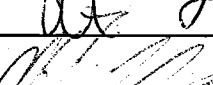
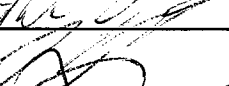

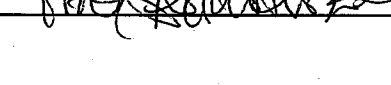
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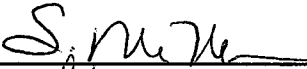

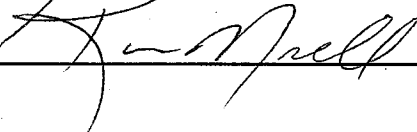
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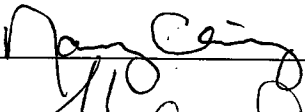
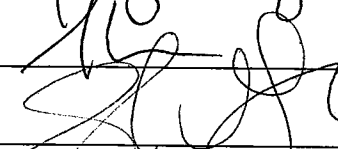


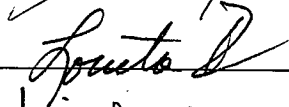
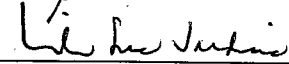
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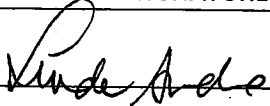
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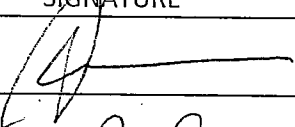

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Dear Sheila.

I am pleased to inform you that President Young has concurred with the University Names Committee recommendation for approval of your request that the new Ethnic Cultural Center building be named the "Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center".

As you know, the Board of Regents approves the naming of exterior space (UW Handbook, Vol. 4, Chap. 10, Sect. 1). Typically, requests for regental approval would issue from the nominating office. We invite you to review the full instructions at <http://www.washington.edu/regents/meetings/>

If I can be of any further assistance, please consider me at your service.

Sincerely,



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