

September 19, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Elizabeth Chilton, Executive Vice President and Provost/WSU Pullman Chancellor

FROM: Tracy Jordahl, Executive Assistant to the Board of Regents *TJ*

SUBJECT: Submit NWCCU Request for an Educational Location at the University of Nairobi

This memo is to confirm that at the Washington State University Board of Regents meeting on September 15, 2023, the Regents approved the request to submit a request to Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) to establish an educational location at the University of Nairobi as proposed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Attachment

Cc: Craig Parks, Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Academic Programs
Kristina Peterson-Wilson, Vice Provost for Academic Administration, Chief of Staff ✓

~~FUTURE ACTION ITEM #2~~ (updated 9/14/23)
Establishment of an Educational Location at the University of Nairobi
(Elizabeth S. Chilton)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Establishment of an Educational Location at the University of Nairobi

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents establish an educational location at the University of Nairobi

SUBMITTED BY: Elizabeth S. Chilton, Provost and Executive Vice President

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: Washington State University (WSU) proposes to establish an additional educational location on the campus of the University of Nairobi in Nairobi, Kenya. The US Department of Education defines an additional educational location as a site operated by another institution of higher education through which the university offers the majority of credits needed for a degree.

WSU has an established research presence in Nairobi to pursue research into infectious disease transmission and eradication. We would like to extend our existing Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences degree to the site. This current proposal seeks only to formalize the location which is the first required step in the process. Extension of the degree follows a separate process and will only be initiated if WSU is approved to add Nairobi to the group of WSU degree-offering locations.

The proposal required by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) to establish an additional educational location at the University of Nairobi is attached. The Faculty Senate Steering Committee reviewed the proposal and provided feedback on May 22, 2023. The Provost's Office has carefully reviewed the proposal and supports the same. Additionally, if the additional educational location is approved, the Provost's Office and the College of Veterinary Medicine will work collaboratively with various departments across the WSU system to carefully review the financial arrangements, business processes, legal obligations, and complete a risk assessment for inclusion in the degree extension proposal.