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WAC 478-04-010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish rules implementing RCW 34.05.220 (1)(b) and 42.56.040 (1)(a) and (b).

WAC 478-04-020 Organization—Operation—Information. (1) Organization. The University of Washington is established in Title 28B RCW as a public institution of higher education. The institution is governed by a ten-member board of regents, appointed by the governor. The board employs a president, who acts as the chief executive officer of the institution. The president establishes the structure of the administration.

(2) Operation. The administrative office of the University of Washington is at the following address:

University of Washington
Office of the President
301 Gerberding Hall
Box 351230
Seattle, WA 98195-1230

(3) Information. Additional and detailed information concerning the educational offerings may be obtained from the catalog, copies of which are available at the following address:

University of Washington
Office of the Registrar
209 Schmitz Hall
Box 355850
Seattle, WA 98195-5850

WAC 478-04-030 Meetings of the board of regents. (1) Public meetings. Regular and special meetings of the board of regents and committees thereof as required by applicable law shall be open to the public, except for executive sessions which may be held as permitted by applicable law. Board members may appear at any meeting through any means that permits communications with all other persons at the meeting. Persons wishing to appear before the board to make a presentation shall comply with the procedures as specified in subsection (8) of this section.

(2) Regular meetings. Regular meetings of the board shall be held pursuant to a schedule and at locations established yearly by resolution of the board and published periodically in the Washington State Register. The president of the board, with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the board, may cancel any regular meeting. All such regular meetings will be conducted in conformance with the laws of the state of Washington governing such meetings.

(3) Special meeting. The president of the university, the president of the board, or any six members of the board may call a special meeting at any time. Not less than twenty-four hours before any special meeting, the secretary shall have notified each member of the board by written notice of the time, place, and the business to be transacted at the meeting. Such notice shall be distributed in accordance with the laws of the state governing such meetings. The presence of a regent at the meeting or the regent's written waiver of notice filed with the secretary shall constitute a waiver of receiving written notice of the meeting. When the meeting is called to deal with an emergency involving injury or damage, or the likelihood of injury or damage, to persons or property, and the time requirements for notice provided for above would be impractical and increase the likelihood of such injury or damage, such required notice may be dispensed with and the secretary shall notify each member of the board by the best means possible under the circumstances.

(4) Addenda to the agenda at regular or special meetings. Addenda to the agenda of either a regular or a special meeting may be permitted at the commencement of or during such meeting, except that final disposition shall not be taken on addenda to the agenda of a special meeting unless notice as required by applicable law has been given.

(5) Quorum. A majority of the entire board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at all regular meetings and special meetings.

(6) Minutes. The minutes of all regular and special meetings of the board shall be kept by the secretary. Such minutes, following approval, shall be open to public inspection in the office of the secretary of the board of regents during regular university business hours.

(7) Committee of the whole meetings. Meetings of the board as a committee of the whole may be held before regular or special meetings of the board or at such time and such place as the president of the board may direct from time to time.

(8) Communications to and appearance before the board. Any persons who wish to communicate to the board or appear before the board shall do so as follows:

(a) Communications to the board. Any person who wishes to bring a matter to the attention of the board may do so by submitting such communication in writing to the secre-
tary of the board of regents. The secretary shall bring such written communications to the attention of the president of the board and the president of the university for direction as to response and/or transmittal to the board.

(b) Appearance before the board. The meetings of the board of regents are intended for presentation of agenda items by the chairs of the respective standing committees and by the president of the university for discussion and action by the members of the board. Public testimony on agenda items, or on other relevant items which any person may wish to call to the attention of the board, may be taken by the appropriate standing committee or by the committee of the whole. The chair of each committee shall have the discretion to limit the time and order of appearances as deemed desirable for a fair presentation of views consistent with the other business before the committee. In an unusual case, this subsection may be waived by the president of the board or by any other six members of the board.

(c) Petition to board for promulgation, amendment, or repeal of rule. Persons having an interest in the promulgation, amendment, or repeal of a "rule" as defined in RCW 34.05.010 may submit a written petition to the university's rules coordination office. Any petition so submitted shall contain the name and address of the petitioner or petitioners, a description of the persons on whose behalf the petition is presented if it is presented in a representative capacity, a statement of the interest of the petitioner and/or the persons on whose behalf it is presented, and a statement of the reasons supporting the petition. If the petition is for the promulgation of a rule, it shall contain the proposed rule. If the petition is for an amendment of an existing rule, it shall contain the rule with the proposed deletions lined out and proposed additions underlined or italicized. If the petition is for the repeal of a rule, it shall contain a copy of the rule proposed to be repealed. The petition shall be considered by the board at the first regular meeting held not less than thirty days after the date the petition was submitted to the rules coordination office, provided that the board may consider the petition at any earlier regular or special meeting of the board.

Within sixty days after submission of a petition to the rules coordination office that is for the promulgation, amendment, or repeal of a "rule," as defined in RCW 34.05.010, the board shall either deny the petition in writing or initiate rule-making procedures in accordance with RCW 34.05.330.

(9) Rules of procedure. Robert's Rules of Order, latest revised edition, shall govern all meetings of the board and its committees except where such rules of order are superseded by the bylaws of the board of regents or standing orders of the board. Any member of the board may make a motion which need not be seconded in order to bring the subject of the motion before the board for action.