



# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**April 15, 2022**

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**APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF  
SOFTBALL AND SOCCER FACILITIES**

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**REQUEST:**

Approval of construction of a new facility housing locker rooms, offices, and an indoor training area for the WKU Athletics Softball and Soccer Programs.

**FACTS:**

The softball and soccer programs currently do not have locker rooms or an indoor training area at the site where they practice and play their games. This facility would increase efficiencies in both programs by providing them a dressing, meeting, and training area at their competition site.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:**

The cost of this project will be paid by utilizing a combination of the WKU Athletics share of the exit fee revenue paid by the departing league members and funds generated by the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation. No expenses will be paid from the state budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Timothy C. Caboni requests approval of the construction of new facilities for WKU Athletics Softball and Soccer programs.

**MOTION:**

Approval of the construction of new facilities for WKU Athletics Softball and Soccer programs.

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**PROVOST EMERITUS APPOINTMENT**

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**REQUEST:**

Approval of Provost Emeritus status for Dr. Cheryl Stevens.

**FACT:**

Dr. Cheryl Stevens served as the Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs from April 2019 until her sabbatical leave on July 1, 2021. Prior to her role as Acting Provost, Dr. Stevens served as Dean of the Ogden College of Science and Engineering from January 2012 until March 2019. In addition to serving as Provost and Dean, she also served as President of the WKU Research Foundation and Director of the Applied Research and Technology Program at WKU.

During her tenure as Acting Provost, Dr. Stevens successfully navigated WKU through the COVID-19 pandemic and helped facilitate the switch to fully remote learning. She provided the students, faculty, and staff with encouragement, direction, and support during uncertain times. As the Dean of Ogden College, Dr. Cheryl Stevens established the Department of the Psychological Sciences and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, supervised the design and construction of Ogden College Hall, and completed a total redesign and renovation of Kelly Thompson Hall. She led the Women in Science and Engineering group, fostered a shared governance throughout the college, and developed a vision that unified the college. She exemplified the values of Ogden College, which are to “Empower, Connect, Serve.”

Dr. Stevens retired from her position on December 31, 2021. President Caboni recommends the Board of Regents approve the designation of “Provost Emeritus” for Dr. Stevens based upon her almost 10 years of service and her distinguished record of achievement at the University.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Timothy C. Caboni recommends that Provost Emeritus status be awarded to Dr. Cheryl Stevens.

**MOTION:**

Approval of Provost Emeritus status for Dr. Cheryl Stevens.