

RESOLUTION NO. 28 (2021-2022)
Appointment of Wim Wiewel as President Emeritus

RESOLVED, that on the occasion of his retirement as president and in recognition of his outstanding service to Lewis & Clark College since 2017, the Board of Trustees confers President Emeritus status on Wim Wiewel, the twenty-fifth president of Lewis & Clark College, effective July 1, 2022.

Wim Wiewel is Lewis & Clark's 25th president. He took the helm on October 1, 2017, after nine years successfully leading Portland State University. Prior to his time at Portland State, Wiewel served as the Provost at University of Baltimore, and the Dean of both the College of Business Administration and the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at University of Illinois at Chicago.

Despite his many years at public higher education institutions, Wiewel came to Lewis & Clark with a deep appreciation for a classic liberal arts education. A recipient of such an education as a high school student in his native Amsterdam, he learned early the value of a broad-based education rooted in critical thinking and analysis. His intellectual curiosity sparked by his experiences in high school, Wiewel became the first in his family to go to college, earning degrees in sociology and urban planning from the University of Amsterdam and a PhD in sociology from Northwestern University.

Upon arriving at Lewis & Clark in 2017, Wiewel not only immediately demonstrated his appreciation for the liberal arts, but a true talent for inspirational and transformational leadership. In just five years, Wiewel has:

- Led the development of a strategic plan resulting in increases in enrollment, development of new programs to enhance the academic experience, and long-needed major upgrades to campus infrastructure;
- Launched the college's first private fundraising campaign in 20 years, raising more than \$124 million in new funding for scholarships, faculty, facilities and programs;
- Refinanced the college's debt, improving the institution's financial position and making possible a major renovation of Templeton Campus Center and other significant capital projects;
- Pushed Lewis & Clark to better reflect the diversity of our nation by establishing diversity, equity and inclusion as one of the six major goals of the college's strategic plan;
- Invested in the overall student experience through support for the holistic First-Year Experience program, establishment of women's lacrosse and men's soccer teams, and upgrades to student housing and the student center, and;
- Assembled a leadership team of talented and highly qualified individuals who are well positioned to help lead the college forward in the years ahead.

These achievements alone have rightfully earned Wiewel a place among Lewis & Clark's most accomplished presidents. But there are two more that are even worthier of notice.

First, at a time of budget challenges and increased competition among liberal arts colleges, Wiewel instilled hope in a bright future for Lewis & Clark. He arrived on Palatine Hill with

relentless optimism and the experience and skills to put Lewis & Clark on a positive trajectory. He made us all believers - and one can see the positive results all around us.

It was fortuitous that Wiewel arrived at the college with both his optimism and his strong leadership skills. His tenure - especially the last two years - turned out to be one of the most difficult times in American history to be a college president. Demographic changes stiffened the competition for students. Growing inequality and polarization strained the fabric of our democracy, bringing unrest to college campuses as well as to the country as a whole. A global pandemic forced us to rethink everything we do. Wildfires and ice storms tested our resilience. But Wiewel - working closely with his leadership team - never faltered, and Lewis & Clark emerged even stronger than before. Few other colleges can make such a claim.

There is one other person who deserves recognition for Wiewel's success as President of Lewis & Clark these last five years: his wife Alice, who shares Wiewel's strong commitment to Lewis & Clark. Alice has been active in the life of the college and has been one of Wiewel's most trusted advisors throughout his tenure.

The Board of Trustees and the entire Lewis & Clark community are deeply grateful to Wiewel for his transformational leadership and his unwavering commitment to our college. Lewis & Clark would not be where it is today without him.

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