



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM  
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN  
Board of Regents**

**Resolution No. 23-05**

**RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE UNIVERSITY TO PLEDGE INTERNAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR THE NEW WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (WERI) BUILDING AND THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH (SOH) ANNEX**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Guam is the primary U.S. Land Grant and Sea Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Regents (BOR) retains authority over all activities of the University;

**WHEREAS**, the University received a grant from the United States Economic Development Administration (USEDA) to construct two buildings on campus – the WERI building and the SOH Annex;

**WHEREAS**, during the post-COVID-19 pandemic supply chain disruption and period of inflation, the University received a revised cost estimate for the projects and the BOR passed Resolution No. 22-19 authorizing the University to grant a loan for the project wherein the President was authorized to borrow \$4 million from the Internal Endowment Fund with payback from the Research Corporation of the University of Guam;

**WHEREAS**, the University has recently received a revised cost estimate from the Architect for the projects indicating the project cost shortfall has grown by an additional \$4-6 million;

**WHEREAS**, the University needs to file documentation with USED A providing current project estimates and asserting that the University has funding to complete the projects before publishing the construction bid;

**WHEREAS**, the University seeks authorization from the BOR to certify the availability of funds for the project using Internal Endowment funds to cover the shortfall for purposes of filing the documentation with USED A;

**WHEREAS**, the President desires to preserve the liquidity of the University and to keep the Internal Endowment Funding available for the purposes established by the BOR and plans to seek funding to cover the shortfall from the government of Guam Executive Branch and from the UOG Endowment Foundation and only to utilize the Internal Endowment funding as a last resort; and

**WHEREAS**, the President, together with the Committees of the Investment, the Budget, Finance and Audit, and the Physical Facilities, recommend that the BOR authorize the construction funding as described above.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BOR approves the UOG President to utilize up to \$6 million of the Internal Endowment funding for purposes of pledging funds to complete the projects and to pursue alternative sources for final funding needs.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
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Liza J. Provide, Chairperson

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary