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Classified staff union and EWU reach labor agreement

CHENEY, Wash. – The Washington Federation of State Employees and Eastern Washington University are pleased to announce that they concluded negotiations Friday for collective bargaining agreements covering the University’s classified employees. The agreements take effect July 1, 2007, and will govern the terms and conditions of employment for approximately 540 Federation members at the University until June 30, 2009.

The contracts include cost-of-living increases for all staff, with a 3.2 percent increase in the first year and 2 percent increase in the second year. In addition, the parties agreed to a package of market-based adjustments to a number of job classes, the addition of a new step in the salary schedule used for all employees and an annual lump-sum payment to all Federation members based on the University’s achievement of goals regarding quality of service.

The parties are pleased with the constructive tenor and tone of the labor negotiations, and look forward to ratification votes among all employees governed by the contracts and by the EWU Board of Trustees. The final, ratified agreements are due at the state Office of Financial Management by Oct. 1, 2006, where the economics of the deal will be included in the state’s budget process for consideration by the Legislature.

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