

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ITEM SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: President Sabah Randhawa on behalf of Vice President Richard Van Den Hul

DATE: June 9, 2017

SUBJECT: **2017-2018 PRELIMINARY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

PURPOSE: Action Item

Purpose of Submittal:

Per its rules of operation, the Board retains responsibility for setting tuition rates and approving the annual operating budget, which ideally occur at the June meeting. As of this writing, the Governor, House and Senate have set forth their recommended operating budgets but have not reached consensus regarding a final operating budget appropriations bill.

Due to this delay, the Board is asked to approve a preliminary fiscal year 2018 operating budget equal to the fiscal year 2017 operating budget to allow for the continuation of operations. Once a budget has been approved by the Legislature, the University will continue to use, as best we can, our transparent bottom-up budget process to finalize recommendations for tuition increases and the FY2017-2018 budget. If the Legislature approves a budget by June 30, 2017, we will have recommendations ready for the Board to approve in a special public July meeting. A tentative timeline is attached.

Proposed Motion:

MOVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approve a preliminary 2017-18 Annual State Operating Budget of \$160,272,642 consisting of a State Appropriation in the amount of \$75,832,000; WWU net tuition operating fee funds of \$80,232,467; and administrative services assessment revenue of \$4,208,175. At a special public Board of Trustees meeting, to be scheduled as soon as possible after the Legislature has passed a budget, the President will present the recommended operating budget for FY2017-2018 and tuition recommendations for the 2017-19 biennium.

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Operating Budget Planning Activities
FY 2017-18 TIMELINE

Date	Olympia Dates	WWU Dates	2017-18 Annual Operating Budget Process for Submission to BOT <u>Dates are tentative & subject to change based on legislative process</u>
Jul		July 1 - Begin FY 2017-18 (yr one of 2017-19 biennium)	<p style="text-align: center;">Predicated on a Final Legislative Budget passed by June 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 7 - President, VPs & Deans meet to draft recommendations Jul 10 - FY 2018 recommendations posted to the web for comments Jul 14 - Final day of comment period Jul 17 - President's 2017-18 recommendation mailed to BOT and posted on tBO's website Jul 20 BOT Special Meeting: <i>(subject to signing of state budget into law) to discuss the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 2017-18 Annual Operating Budget presented to BOT for approval; 2) 2017-18 Tuition levels presented to BOT for approval