Purpose of Submittal:

President Randhawa and his team will provide the Board with timely updates on topics including:

a. 2024 Supplemental Legislative Session  
b. Enrollment Update for Winter and Fall 2024  
c. WWU Peninsulas  
d. ADEI Work  
e. NWCCU Accreditation Visit  
f. Infrastructure Projects  
g. Mid-year Fiscal Update
Purpose of Submittal:

For this agenda item, Nora Selander, Director of Government Relations, will provide a brief update on the 2024 Legislative Session and answer any questions the Trustees may have.

Background:

The 60-day, 2024 Legislative Session began on January 8th and is scheduled to end on March 7th. WWU’s legislative priorities this session include:

- Support for academic access & outreach programming;
- Expanded program capacity and graduate degree offerings in Electrical and Computer Engineering;
- College in the High School state support; and
- Minor works preservation and completion of Kaiser-Borsari Hall.

Legislative proposals WWU is closely tracking this session include (but are not limited to):

- Senate Bill 5999 - Expanding Washington College Grant eligibility.
- Senate Bill 5904 - Extending the terms of financial aid programs.
- House Bill 2077 - Concerning the Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP).
- House Bill 2025 - Modifying placement and salary matching requirements for the state work-study program.
- House Bill 2309 - Establishing the Washington 13 free guarantee.
- House Bill 2374 - Establishing the Washington promise program.
Purpose of Submittal:

In this brief presentation, Jack Herring, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, will present an update on the upcoming NWCCU Accreditation visit in April 2024.

Background:

WWU is currently finishing our Year 7 report to the NWCCU to complete the current accreditation cycle review. The report is a self-study of the university’s performance on NWCCU standards for accreditation related to overall institutional effectiveness. This presentation will highlight key areas of the report and summarize the role of the Board of Trustees in the upcoming NWCCU site visit on April 10th, 11th and 12th.

Strategic Questions:

1. How do the changing NWCCU standards for accreditation impact our policies and operations going forward?

2. What are the key areas of inquiry that the NWCCU evaluators will likely bring to conversations with members of the Board?