Purpose of Submittal:

For this agenda item, Becca Kenna-Schenk, Executive Director of Government Relations, will provide a brief update on the upcoming 2019 Legislative Session and answer any questions the Trustees may have.

Background:

The 105-day, 2019 Legislative Session will begin on January 14, 2019. During the Session, legislators will adopt the state’s biennial operating and capital budgets. Western’s 2019-21 operating and capital budget requests, as approved by the Board of Trustees, have been submitted to the Office of Financial Management.

Strategic Questions:

1. What is the anticipated political landscape leading up to the 2019 Legislative Session?

2. How is Western working with the other public baccalaureate institutions to advance sector-wide higher education legislative priorities?