

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ITEM SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: President Sabah Randhawa by Vice President Richard Van Den Hul

DATE: February 9, 2018

SUBJECT: **2017-2019 CAPITAL BUDGET**

PURPOSE: Action item

Purpose of Submittal:

Implementation of the 2017-2019 Capital Budget.

Executive Summary:

In September 2016, Western Washington University (Western) submitted a state capital budget request of \$127,216,000 of new appropriations. In January 2018, under Senate Bill 6090, Western received \$27,131,000 in new appropriations, of which the State Building Construction Account (general obligation bonds) provides \$14,368,000 and Local Funds provide \$12,763,000. Local funds are generated from the Normal School Fund (timber sales) and the portion of tuition and fees dedicated to construction. The attached chart compares Western's 2017-2019 capital budget request, Governor Inslee's proposed budget, and the final budget.

Of the new appropriations, \$6,000,000 of general obligation bond funding is for the design of the Science Building Addition and Renovation project. The remaining funding, consisting of \$8,368,000 in general obligation bonds and \$12,763,000 in local funds, is for upgrading, preserving, and maintaining facilities and infrastructure throughout campus.

Two important requests that were not in the final capital budget are a portion of the funding for the Multicultural Center, a request under the Minor Works program, and the funding for Disability Resources and Veteran Services at Wilson Library. Because of their importance, we recommend \$1,990,000 for the Multicultural Center, which is only a portion of the total project cost, and \$2,700,000 for the Disability Resources and Veteran Services at Wilson Library be self-funded with one-time University funds.

Proposed Motion:

MOVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, accept the 2017-2019 Capital Budget totaling \$27,131,000 in appropriations and approve the distribution by major categories in accordance with the attached chart.

Further, MOVED that \$1,990,000 be approved for the Multicultural Center and \$2,700,000 be approved for the Disability Resources and Veteran Services at Wilson Library.