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Dr. Rachelle Sharpe appointed interim executive director of WA Student Achievement Council

Olympia—Governor Inslee has appointed Dr. Rachelle Sharpe to serve as interim executive director of the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC), effective July 1. She replaces retiring Executive Director Dr. Gene Sharratt.

Dr. Sharpe previously served as the director of student financial aid before accepting the position of acting deputy director in June 2015. “With her extensive background in higher education and financial aid, Rachelle Sharpe is absolutely the right person to lead us during this transition,” said Council Chair Maud Daudon.

Dr. Sharpe looks forward to continuing the work initiated by the council and Dr. Gene Sharratt, saying “Gene has positioned our agency well, and I am excited to work with our team to develop legislative recommendations in support of students, create a new savings program for our state, and manage Washington’s financial aid and college access programs.”

Dr. Gene Sharratt will retire from the executive director position in June 2016. WSAC has contracted with Karras Consulting to search for a new executive director.

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About the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC): Established as a cabinet-level state agency in 2012, WSAC provides strategic planning, administrative oversight and advocacy to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington.

The [nine-member Council](#) includes five citizen members, one of whom is a current student, and one representative from each of Washington’s four major educational sectors. The Council proposes improvements and innovations to meet the evolving needs of students, employers and the educational community. In recognition of the economic, social and civic benefits of public education, the council advocates for increased financial support and civic commitment to ensure a thriving Washington.

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