

Title	Executive Update
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Synopsis	The Executive Update will provide members with a review of current agency work related to program administration and policy. The Executive Director will provide this synopsis at the beginning of each Council meeting.
Guiding questions	Does the recent work of the agency advance progress towards increased educational attainment in Washington?
Possible council action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information/Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Documents and attachments	<input type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

**Agency Update
Two-Month Executive Summary**

Project	Recent Work
Outreach and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wednesday Webinars</u>: Over the course of the year, the webinars provided relevant and timely information related to student support, financial aid, and college readiness. • <u>WSAC Presentations</u>: WSAC staff presented sessions on dual credit, the 12th Year campaign, college readiness, and more at several summer conferences. • <u>Educator Outreach Packet</u>: WSAC will be sending a packet to all WA high schools this fall that will highlight the college readiness, access, and financial aid information and resources that are available for free to counselors and practitioners. • <u>Time Immemorial Curriculum</u>: WSAC has awarded two \$600k Title II grants to Western Washington University's Woodring College of Education to support new curriculum designed to teach Washington students about the state's indigenous nations.
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>GET</u>: GET Committee members expressed interest in extending the penalty-free refund window deadline to overlap with GET's reopening and the date when a new savings plan might open in 2017. • <u>College Savings</u>: On behalf of the GET Committee, WSAC issued a Request for Information that was used to identify vendor interest in providing 529 college savings plan services and to gather information for developing a formal Request for Proposals (RFP). • <u>Alternative Routes to Teaching and Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarships</u>: Increased funding allocated towards the Alternative Routes to Teaching and Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship program, a joint effort of WSAC and the Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board, has led to 198 Alternative Routes awards and 62 Retooling awards as of June 30.
Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>For-Profit School System Study</u>: The consulting team from Ruckelshaus center met with agency staff, leg staff, and for-profit sector representatives to review the project plan and begin to identify stakeholders for interviews. • <u>Higher Education Needs Assessment Study</u>: WSAC convened an advisory group of local leaders and the consulting team from Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education for a review of the study plan and role of the advisory committee.



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Council Meeting | August 17, 2015



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AGENCY WORK

Highlights of current efforts in support of the agency mission.

POLICY & RESEARCH

For-Profit school system study; higher education needs assessment study.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Wednesday Webinars; presentations; educator outreach packet; Title II grants.

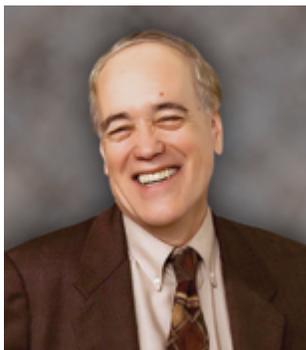
PROGRAMS

GET; College Savings; Alternative Routes.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND PREPARATION



Dr. Gary Orfield



Justice Mary Yu

Pave the Way

2016

Nov. 1–2

Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center

Advancing Equity, Access, Readiness & Support



2016 DUAL CREDIT REPORT

ESSHB 1546: dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.

- Established a model and priorities for funding College in the High School.
- Directs the Council to make additional recommendations to streamline and improve dual credit programs to:
 - Mitigate costs for students enrolled in Running Start.
 - Increase participation among low-income and underrepresented students.



2017 MEETING DATES

Draft - 2017 Meeting Dates and Regions

February 8	Capital Event Center, Tumwater
April 19	TESC, Olympia
June 15	TBD
August 9-10	TBD
October 12	TBD
November 9	TBD
December	Phone conference



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