

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	Do the activities of the agency align with our statutory mission?
Possible council action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information/Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Documents and attachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input type="checkbox"/> Other

**Agency Update
Two-Month Executive Summary**

Project	Recent Work
Outreach and advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>College Bound Scholarship</u>: Staff attended three CBS events in April and May, including a UWT event that drew over 800 students. • <u>GEAR UP</u>: This spring, the WSAC GEAR UP team created two new awards. The first recognizes high-achieving students from GEAR UP schools. The second celebrates exemplary GEAR UP coordinators who work in support of all GEAR UP students. • <u>FAFSA Completion Initiative</u>: As of May 29, 140 school districts signed on to participate in the FAFSA Completion Initiative, which provides student-level FAFSA completion data to district personnel.
Policy and research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Regional Gold Gavel Award</u>: WSAC received the ESD 105 Golden Gavel Award, in honor of the agency's commitment to strengthening secondary to postsecondary transitions. • <u>Veterans</u>: WSAC staff continued its support of veterans' transitions through multiple events with Governor Inslee's Veterans Employee Resource Group. • <u>ISLS</u>: The ISLS work will continue past its original deadline of June 30, due in large part to an opportunity from the NGA to extend the duration of the grant and receive additional funding. • <u>Dual Credit</u>: WSAC staff presented at the May 7 National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment, providing insights to our state's efforts to strengthen college transitions and expand dual credit opportunities for Washington students.
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SFA Trainings</u>: Financial aid staff presented state aid workshops at six locations across the state with nearly 200 aid administrators in attendance from the 68 participating institutions. • <u>Health Loan Repayment Program</u>: The federal Health Professional Loan Repayment program received 85 applications for the 2015 cycle, and approximately 13 professionals will be selected to receive funding to repay student loans due to their commitment to serving as a health care professional in a critical shortage area. • <u>Financial Aid – Institution Application</u>: WSAC staff are reviewing an application from an institution (Victoria's Academy of Cosmetology) to participate in state financial aid. • <u>GET</u>: Unit purchases at this year's price can still be made through June 25, and are currently tracking about 6 percent above the same time last year, with over 490,000 units sold as of June 1



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Dr. Gene Sharratt, Executive Director

Council Meeting | June 17, 2015



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TWO-MONTH REVIEW

The Executive Director update will highlight the agency's efforts related to our statutory mission and program administration.

The two-month summary chart provides a synopsis of agency efforts since the last Council meeting.



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AGENCY WORK

Highlights of current efforts in support of the agency mission.

POLICY & RESEARCH

Veterans support, ISLS, Dual Credit, regional Golden Gavel Award.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

College Bound Scholarship, GEAR UP, FAFSA Completion Initiative.

PROGRAMS

SFA trainings, Health Loans, Institutional Application, GET.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Council Member Jeff Charbonneau and Gene Sharratt received the WASA regional 2015 Golden Gavel Award on behalf of the Washington Student Achievement Council











RAY LAWTON - STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE

Providing support to Washington students through:

1. Career counseling and school course alignment.
2. Knowledge of financial planning.
3. Awareness of financial aid available through qualified programs.
4. Options for postsecondary education and career training (two-year, four-year, public, and private institutions)
5. Web-based support sites for students families and educators.





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