

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 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>: Topics for our Wednesday Webinar series have included financial aid, ReadySetGrad.org, and changes to the minimum college admissions standards. • <u>Policy Updates</u>: WSAC staff presented updates on the 2015 Roadmap, adult reengagement, and other initiatives to several stakeholder groups. • <u>College Goal Washington</u>: CGW’s 120 events provided support for students filing FAFSA or WASFA. • <u>College Bound Scholarship</u>: WSAC staff’s recent outreach included correspondence with admissions officers and sophomore and junior CBS students. • <u>GEAR UP</u>: GEAR UP, in partnership with CSF, began offering online training modules on financial aid, college applications, and building a college-going culture. The GEAR UP West conference is also set for October 16-18 in Spokane. • <u>Foster Youth</u>: WSAC and CSF are developing an information campaign for Washington’s students from foster care.
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FAFSA Completion Initiative</u>: Almost 90 percent of districts statewide have returned the required data usage agreement to access the FAFSA Completion Initiative Portal. • <u>TheWashBoard.org</u>: Washington’s scholarship matching website has seen a dramatic increase in posted scholarships, with over \$53.5 million in scholarships available. • <u>Educators for the 21st Century</u>: WSAC is now seeking proposals for a 2016-17 Educators for the 21st Century Grant, designed to support targeted professional development opportunities for K-12 educators.
Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>STEM Education Innovation Alliance</u>: The Alliance continues its work on strategies for expanding and leveraging partnerships. The next STEM Alliance Meeting is April 28 at the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. • <u>Prior Learning Assessment</u>: Colleges and universities reported a 37 percent increase in the number of students receiving credit for prior learning that counted toward their degree or certificate (17,759). • <u>Transfer and Articulation</u>: The Joint Transfer Council has developed a new Associate in Music Direct Transfer Degree Major Related Pathway. This new degree will help students transfer more seamlessly between two-year and four-year colleges. • <u>Adult Reengagement</u>: A small taskforce of WSAC employees have begun an initial review of potential strategies to address the Roadmap goal of increasing reengagement of adults with some college but no credential. The taskforce’s work may inform the Council’s development of the 2016 Strategic Action Plan.