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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



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June Council Meeting
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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.

The Executive Director Update handout is available in the meeting materials packet.

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Two-Month Executive Summary

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Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">College Bound: As of April 7, the statewide completed application sign-up average for this class is 70 percent (compared to 68 percent last year).GET: On Wednesday, April 20, the GET Committee authorized GET staff to begin the development of an RFP (Request for Proposal) to explore options for creating the new savings plan.
Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategic Action Plan: The selected strategies in the 2016 SAP will reflect input from a variety of stakeholders, as well as from two Council committees: Student Success, and College Affordability and Access.CBS Surveys: We received the Gates Foundation grant to conduct a survey of current seniors and recent graduates who are eligible for the College Bound Scholarship but did not (or do not plan to) continue their education.SWS Surveys: We are in the final stages of preparing surveys of institutions, employers, and students participating in the State Work Study program.Dual Credit – Revised Rules: With a final draft of rules for College in the High School complete, WSAC joined OSPI and others to hold a public hearing for the revised rules on May 24.STEM Education Innovation Alliance: The April 28 meeting of the STEM Education Innovation Alliance, held at the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, discussed issues and strategies in K-12 education, high school to college level skills and credentials, and baccalaureate and graduate

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- Dual Credit Rules
- STEM Alliance



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Recent Agency Honors

- **Mark Bergeson and Anne Messerly:** 2015-16 WAPED (Washington Association on Postsecondary Education and Disability) award
- **Betsy Hagen and David Mitchell:** 2016 Governor's Award for Leadership in Management
- **Weiya Liang:** 2016 Public Service Leadership award winner
- **Jim West:** PNACAC (Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling) exemplary service award
- Agency Audit Results.



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