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### **Council committees to discuss strategic action plan initiatives**

**Olympia**—On July 6, council committees will hold two meetings to discuss potential strategies for inclusion in the 2016 strategic action plan for higher education in Washington. Committee discussion will inform development of the Council’s 2017 priorities, which will be considered at its August meeting in Cheney.

The Committee for Student Support will meet on Wednesday, July 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Public comment is scheduled at 11:45 a.m. The meeting will include a presentation from Sarah Ancel, formerly associate commissioner with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, to discuss initiatives undertaken to re-engage adult students.

The Committee for Funding and Affordability will meet on Wednesday, July 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Public comment is scheduled at 3:15 p.m. The group will discuss Washington’s financial aid programs and strategies to advocate for addressing gaps in affordability.

All [materials](#) will be available online the day of the meetings. Both meetings will be held at the Capital Event Center in Tumwater.

#### **Meeting Location**

Capital Event Center (ESD 113)  
Thurston Room  
6005 Tye DR SW  
Tumwater, WA 98512

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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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