

## **Supplemental budget requests submitted at WSU Vancouver meeting**

During the board's October 25 meeting at Washington State University Vancouver, representatives of the state's public colleges and universities outlined their supplemental budget proposals for 2008-09.

Governor Chris Gregoire recommended that supplemental budget requests be kept to a minimum for 2008 following the record funding levels granted by the 2007 Legislature.

Consequently, the state's postsecondary institutions limited their supplemental requests to the categories of technical corrections and adjustments; funding for emergent needs; and program enhancements.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board is charged with reviewing the institutions' operating and capital requests and making recommendations to the governor and Legislature.

[Click here to see supplemental requests](#)

Presenting to the Board were:

- ◆ Sherry Burkey, Dennis Murphy, WWU
- ◆ Larry Ganders, Carl Boemke, WSU
- ◆ John Mason, EWU
- ◆ Randy Hodgins, Ed Taylor, UW
- ◆ Les Purce, Don Bantz, TESC
- ◆ David Soltz, CWU
- ◆ Charlie Earl, SBCTC

The Board approved a resolution in support of supplemental requests that provide technical corrections or address emergent or critical needs, while recommending that funding for program enhancements be deferred for consideration until the 2009-11 budget process.

## **Board approves preliminary operating, capital budget guidelines for 2009-11**

Jim Reed, HECB interim director for fiscal policy, discussed the funding priorities that will guide the Board's budget recommendations for the 2009-11 biennium.

The guidelines, which will be used by colleges to develop their 2009-11 budget requests, will be amended in January to ensure they are in alignment with the goals and strategies of the 2008 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education.

A final draft of the plan will be approved by the Board December 15, prior to being sent to the 2008 Legislature where a concurrent resolution will be sought.

## **HECB, SBCTC, COP call for renewal of 2003 "Building Washington's Future Act"**

The Board approved a resolution calling for the Legislature to reauthorize and provide \$1 billion in additional funding over the next three biennia for the Building Washington's Future Act.

Since 2003, the Gardner-Evans bonds have been used to provide capital improvements at the state's public two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Over the last year, HECB staff worked with their counterparts at the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Council of Presidents to develop and seek support for a proposal to reauthorize the act.

### **Site selection process continues for UW North Puget Sound campus**

Debora Merle, higher education policy advisor to the governor, and Randy Hodgins, UW director of state relations, updated the Board on the proposed University of Washington North Puget Sound campus.

Merle said initial site recommendations and a preliminary academic plan were due Nov. 15, with a final plan due in June 2008. The four potential sites identified so far are in Marysville, Lake Stevens, and Everett (two locations).

Hodgins said the campus would focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics "STEM" degrees.

*(Note: Subsequently, the site selection committee recommended a site in Everett just east of I-5 near the existing transit station.)* [Link to article](#)

[Link to OFM presentation](#)

### **Professional Educator Standards Board working to help teachers teach**

Jennifer Wallace, executive director of the state's Professional Educator Standards Board, briefed the Board on PESB efforts to update teacher preparation and certification standards.

The 21-member board is charged with program approval and review, and teacher preparation and certification.

Current initiatives include an "evidence-based" approach to teacher preparation, such as ensuring that educators' knowledge and skills improve student learning. The PESB also recently approved new standards for math and science.

[For more information](#)

### **Student Achievement Initiative will reward community and technical colleges for student success**

One of the SBCTC's 10-year goals calls for achieving "increased educational attainment for all residents across the state."

Charlie Earl, SBCTC executive director, and David Prince, policy associate for assessment, teaching and learning, briefed the Board on a plan to develop an incentive system that would provide financial rewards for colleges that boost student achievement.

Under the plan, the colleges would compete against themselves for funding, which would be based on areas that can be influenced by the institutions.

[For more information](#)

### **October meeting includes public hearing on master plan**

Board members heard from representatives of the Washington Student Lobby and the state's two- and four-year colleges and universities during a public hearing on the 2008 strategic master plan.

The October Board meeting was part of a month-long series of statewide public forums and community meetings aimed at gathering feedback about the key issues facing higher education in Washington.

Board members reviewed a draft of the plan during their Nov. 15 meeting at Highline Community College, and will take action on the final plan Dec. 13. The 2008 plan is due to the Legislature and governor on December 15, 2007.

[For more information](#)

### **Executive MPA Degree approved for Evans School**

During its October meeting, the Board gave the go-ahead for the University of Washington to continue offering its Executive Master of Public Administration at the Evans School of Public Affairs.

*The Executive MPA differs from the traditional MPA program in that it:*

- Provides an executive-level perspective on public and non-profit sector management;
- Emphasizes strategic leadership skills needed for innovative approaches to policy challenges;
- Targets senior-level professionals in government, community organizations, and private sector fields such as corporate social responsibility and entrepreneurship;
- Employs an intensive, multimodal 18-month instructional format that accommodates the schedule of high-level professionals, including those who live far from campus.

### **WSU Vancouver**

The 350-acre campus of Washington State University Vancouver is home to about 2,500 students and more than 90 fulltime, Ph.D. faculty. The university offers more than 35 fields of study, providing students with access to 14 bachelor's degrees, nine master's degrees and one doctorate degree.

WSU is no stranger to Southwest Washington – first offering courses in 1983 as part of the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education. WSU Vancouver was formally established in 1989.

The Salmon Creek campus – located 10 miles north of the Columbia River – opened in 1996 and includes nine buildings, bicycle and pedestrian trails, an outdoor amphitheater and 200-seat lecture hall.



WSU Vancouver welcomed its first freshman class in fall 2006. According to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Nancy Youlden, the most popular fields of study among the 157-member class are biology, business, and mechanical engineering.

In May, the university graduated more than 700 students, including 76 who earned advanced degrees in either

education or teaching – the most popular fields of study for master’s degree candidates.

The university’s unique stakeholder-focused Master of Business Administration program was recently honored among The Aspen Institute’s “Beyond Gray Pinstripes Global 100” top alternative business schools, listed at No. 76. The award recognizes business schools that incorporate social and environmental issues into the core curriculum.



WSU Vancouver has a co-admission program with Clark College and Lower Columbia College for students who begin their studies at a community college and transfer to WSU Vancouver during their junior year.

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