

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>Fall Counselor Workshop</u>: In mid-September, WSAC staff presented at the nine Washington Council Fall Counselor Workshops statewide to approximately 1,000 high school counselors about WSAC programs and resources. • <u>GEAR UP</u>: National GEAR UP Week (9/19-23), commemorated with a proclamation from Governor Inslee, included school-sponsored activities for kicking off the new school year and highlighting the opportunities that GEAR UP provides.
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>STEP UP</u>: The September all-staff meeting, which focused on creating a framework of cultural competency, is reflective of our continued work in developing an agency that honors diversity. • <u>Health Loan Repayment Programs</u>: The application cycles for both the federal and state Health loan repayment programs have been completed resulting about 100 awards offered. • <u>ITT Closure</u>: In collaboration with SBCTC, COP, the Workforce Board, the Governor’s policy office, Western Governors University, and ICW, WSAC implemented plan to support former ITT students who want to finish their degree in Washington. • <u>ACICS Appeal</u>: Six Washington colleges are affected by the federal suspension of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools as an accrediting agency in the state.
Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>GET Committee</u>: The committee’s September vote to extend the deadline for non-penalty refunds allows customers time to evaluate Washington's anticipated 529 college savings plan, as well as any changes that may come to the GET program, before taking action on their GET accounts. • <u>College Savings</u>: The current Request for Proposals (RFP), which invites vendors to propose solutions for managing this new investment option, is an important step in ensuring the development and implementation of a competitive, consumer-friendly, and cost-effective program. • <u>Adult Reengagement</u>: A multi-sector meeting was held in September with facilitation from a national organization, SHEEO, to support the development of an initiative to recruit and retain adult students.



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October Council Meeting
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Outreach

- Fall Counselors Workshop
- GEAR UP Week

Programs

- ITT Closure & ACICS Status
- Health Loan Repayment Program

Policy and Research

- GET Committee
- Adult Reengagement

Upcoming Event



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