

INFORMATION ITEM #7

Regent Financial Advisory Ad Hoc Committee for Health Sciences Update (Doug Picha/Leslie Brunelli/Daryll DeWald/Jim Record)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Regent Financial Advisory Ad Hoc Committee for Health Sciences Update

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Committee for Health Sciences
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The Regent Financial Advisory Ad Hoc Committee for Health Sciences met on Thursday, March 27, 2025. Appointed members were joined by the following:

Chris-Riley Tillman, WSU Provost and Executive Vice President
Chris Jones, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Planning
Mark Leid, Dean, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Mary Koithan, Dean, College of Nursing
Julie Akers, Scholarly Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical
Sciences
Nicole Pratapas, Vice Chancellor, Development, Spokane Campus
Sarah Kohler, Senior Director of Administrative Services, College of Pharmacy and
Pharmaceutical Sciences
Danielle Hess, Executive Director, Compliance and Risk Management

With the expanded scope of the committee to include all health sciences, the deans of nursing and pharmacy along with support staff are asked to participate. A review of an updated unit-level financial forecast for the current fiscal year indicate an expected deficit for the campus operations of approximately \$7.2M including Range/WSU Health. Immediate actions must be taken to resolve structural budget deficits and ensure financial stability.

Actions underway to reduce costs for the Spokane Administrative Unit were provided by Chancellor DeWald. The current financial status of Range/WSU Health and scenarios for clinic reduction were considered. Danielle Hess provided an overview of the current legal status of the medical practice plan which has received provisional approval so that it may be part of the FY26 budget development. Once a budget is available, the Faculty Senate executive committee will be engaged to follow the procedure for developing a university center. Associate Vice President and Deputy CFO Matt Skinner explained the presentation template for the Regents Finance & Administration Committee, which is a continuation of the budget education series where Chancellor DeWald and Dean Record will provide an overview of current operations and the financial context.

The committee will meet again on Thursday, May 15. Meeting topics are expected to include a review of FY26 unit budgets, the capital plan and operating budget for the Team Health facility, and discussion of current operations and financial position for Pharmacy and Nursing.