

INFORMATION ITEM #6

Regent Budget Ad Hoc Committee Update (Enrique Cerna/Leslie Brunelli)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Regent Budget Ad Hoc Committee Update

SUBMITTED BY: Enrique Cerna, Regent Chair, Regent Budget Ad Hoc Committee
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The Regent Budget Ad Hoc Committee is charged with developing an educational plan for the Board of Regents to aid and enhance their understanding of the University's finances in preparation for the anticipated approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

The final meeting of the ad hoc committee took place on March 20th. Budget education training will conclude during the April Regents meeting, where the finances for the Pullman Housing and Dining will be discussed. Additionally, the financial context of the Health Sciences will be reviewed. Due to time constraints, some topics have been rescheduled for future Finance & Administration Committee meetings in Fiscal Year 2026.

As new members of the Board of Regents are onboarded, materials from previous presentations, along with dedicated time to address their questions and assist with their preparation.

ATTACHMENT: Regent Budget Education Calendar

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Timeline	Topic/Agenda	Suggested Presenters
November 14th (Regular Board of Regents Meeting)	Budget Basics 101 - Understanding the University's Budget: Core Funds, Auxiliary Enterprises, Sales & Services, and Other	Leslie Brunelli/ Chris Jones
November 14th (Finance & Administration Committee)	Law Enforcement and Campus Safety; University Facilities Services	Vicky Murray/ Gary Jenkins Olivia Yang
January 23rd (Regular Board of Regents Meeting)	Navigating the University Budget Document	Leslie Brunelli/ Chris Jones
January 23rd (Finance & Administration Committee)	Business and Financial Services	Matt Skinner
February 17th (Retreat/ Special Meeting – Virtual)	Understanding and Addressing Budget Challenges: Federal Funding, Salaries & Wages, Pullman Academic Departments, Spokane Campus Health Sciences, System Campuses	Leslie Brunelli/ Chris Rilley-Tillman/ Jennifer Klein / Darryl DeWald/ Mel Netzhammer/ Sandra Haynes/ Paul Pitre/ Dave Cillay
March 6th (Finance & Administration Committee)	Human Resources Services Administrative Review	Jennifer Klein
April 17th (Finance & Administration Committee)	Housing & Dining Financial Operations Spokane Campus/ESFCOM/Practice Plan	Romando Nash/ Sean Greene Daryll DeWald/ Jim Record
May 21st (Special Board of Regents Meeting)	Approval of WSU Budget Approval of Cougar Athletics Budget and WSU Athletic Budget Transfers	Leslie Brunelli/Chris Jones/ Anne McCoy/Jon Haarlow
FUTURE TOPICS	Information Technology; University Insurance Coverage; Unit Carryforward and Retained Earnings; WSU Foundation Budget; Land-Grant Endowment; WSU Foundation Endowment	Items will be included in FY26 BoR Finance & Administration committee meetings