

June 17, 2013

To: David Schumacher, OFM Director
From: George Clark, CWU Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs
Re: Contingency Planning for State Agency Operations on July 1

A review of the resources available to Central Washington University indicates that, in the short-term, CWU will be able to sustain vital functions if no 2013-2015 operating budget has been approved by June 30, 2013. The university's ability to maintain critical services without state support will end in September, with the return of faculty, whose compensation is substantially funded out of the state general fund.

A key concern for July and August, however, is the lack of availability of State Need Grant dispersal guidelines and of the funds themselves. This concern intensifies when the regular school year begins in September.

In order to efficiently and accountably administer SNG, CWU staff must know how much funding is available and the details of eligibility criteria. Additionally, CWU relies on staff at the Washington Student Achievement Council to reconcile student accounts. In other words, the WSAC notifies institutions when students have received the maximum allowable grant. The SNG enables more than 65 percent of CWU resident students to earn a degree. This summer nearly 2500 students will attend CWU and lack of an SNG appropriation may impede the progress of some students toward their degree goals.

We have identified no constitutional mandates or federal laws that would compel us to conclude otherwise.

Following are answers to the more specific questions you posed:

1. Services funded by appropriations in the enacted transportation budget (ESSB 5024).

N/A

2. Services that do not require an appropriation, e.g., from non-appropriated funds.

These services include student services, university operations, and, during the regular school year, slightly more than half of instructional costs.

3. Services to continue based on certain constitutional mandates and federal law.

N/A

4. Services that are necessary for the immediate response to issues of public safety, or to avoid catastrophic loss of state property.

N/A

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