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Eastern Washington University remains confident that the legislature will enact the 2017-19 Operating and Capital Budgets by June 30, 2017. However, understanding that some risk exists that this may not come to pass, the university has made contingency plans to continue operations.

Over the past ten years the university has capitalized on its effective long term planning to continue being a vibrant and growing institution amidst fluctuating economic conditions. The university will once again draw upon its successes to effectively manage its finances until the legislature completes its business. The failure to timely approve the 2017-19 biennial budgets will impact the university, however the university has sufficient reserves to fund operations in the near future until such budgets are passed.

Eastern's operating budget is partially comprised of non-appropriated funds. The university will use non-appropriated funds to continue ongoing operations which include, but are not limited to, summer session programs, academic and student support services, and summer housing and dining services. The normal occurring expenses relating to the start-up of the academic session will be covered by university reserves also residing in non-appropriated funds.

We are concerned about the status of capital projects currently in process. The university has legal contracts with parties to complete this work. We are urging the legislature to provide reappropriation authority to continue these projects after the start of the new fiscal year.

While the university considers it unlikely that we will need to implement our contingency plans, we are ready to do so if the need arises.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Voves, Vice President for Business and Finance (509.359.6391) or Toni Habegger, Associate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (509.359.6373).