

Legislative Update

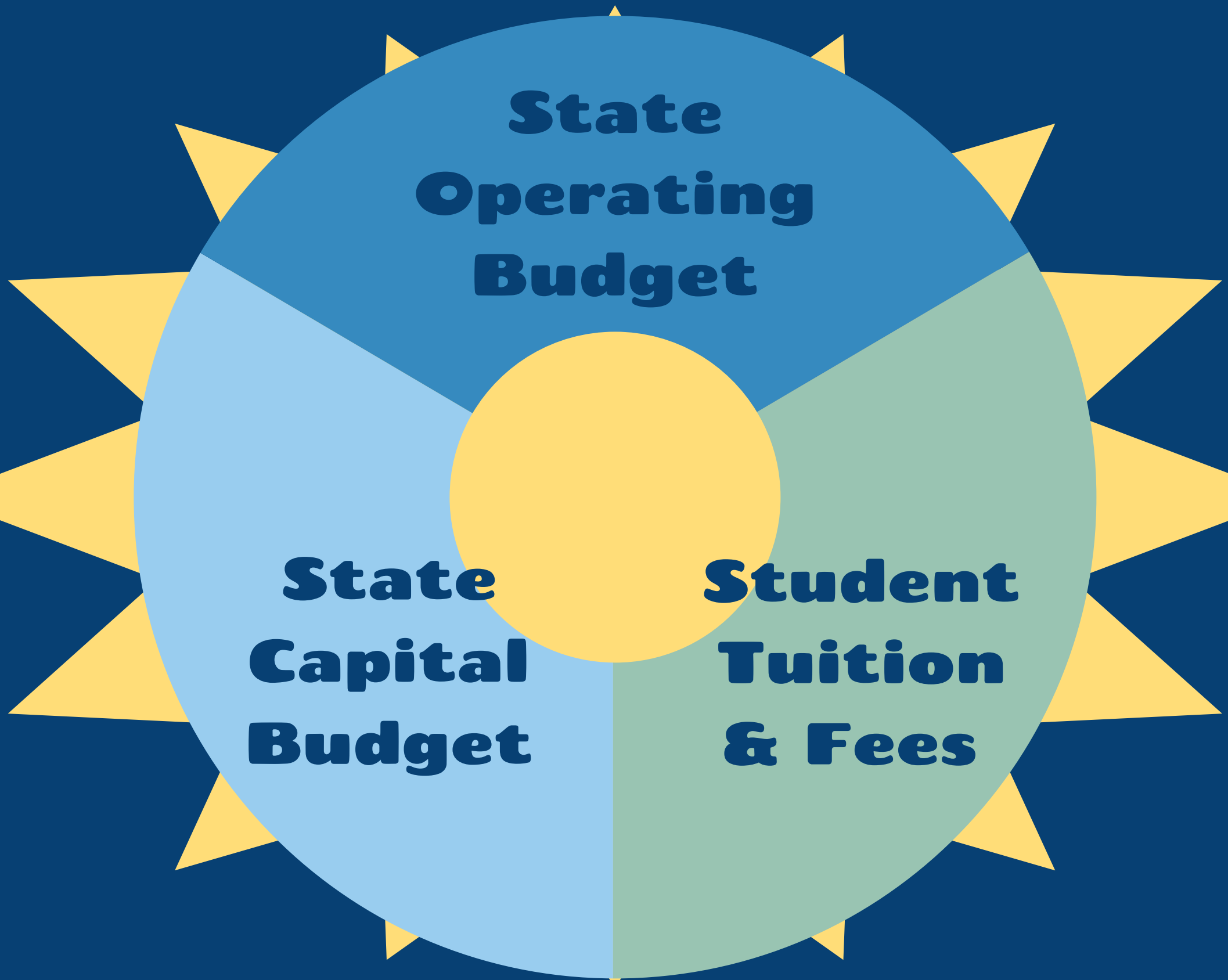


**Update on the
Ethnic Studies
Institute, Coast
Salish Longhouse,
Student Supports,
Police and more!**

WHAT'S WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY GETTING FROM THE STATE?

**Cracking the 2021-2023
Operating and Capital Budgets**

WWU has 3 main funding sources:



The capital budget funds construction/renovations and the operating budget funds general operations

Summary of Key Appropriations:

- **\$1.2M** for an ethnic studies program
- **\$1.06M** for bilingual educator programs
- **\$1.04M** for student support services
- **\$300K** for graduate assistant stipends
- **\$96K** for a veterans mental health counselor
- **\$51M** for construction of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science building
- **\$4.5M** for construction of the Coast Salish-style Longhouse
- **\$225K** in predesign for a new Student Development and Success Center
- **\$2.6M** for a new marine sciences program
- **\$7K** for WWU Campus PD enforcement data reporting
- **\$40K** to provide free menstrual products across campus
- **\$500K** to implement DEI training for staff and faculty

For 2021-2023, WWU is budgeted to receive a total of \$191,417,000 from the state operating budget !

\$1.2M for an Ethnic Studies Program

With existing resources, this is enough permanent funding to hire four to five tenure-track faculty and push for the creation of a **Department of Ethnic Studies at WWU.**

- **Admin is currently exploring using this funding to create an Ethnic Studies **Institute.****
- **We can advocate that this funding be used to push **BSO Demand #11: Develop an African-American Studies program that is taught by Black staff****

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(13) \$1,016,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely to establish an academic curriculum in ethnic studies.

\$4.5M to construct a Coast Salish-style Longhouse

The primary purpose of the Coast Salish-style Longhouse is to increase representation of Native students and enhance their recruitment, retention and graduation by providing a dedicated space on the university campus for students to gather, build community and support each other.

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NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5105. FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**
Coast Salish Longhouse (30000912)

\$7K for WWU University Police

SB 5259 established requirements for agencies in reporting police use of force, this includes University Police Departments

- **Funding goes towards initial training for officers (approx. 4 hours/officer) on the new requirements on data collection and a staff position to fulfill the quarterly reporting requirements.**
- **CWU and WWU were the only universities that requested funding for this bill.**

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(18) \$5,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$2,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for implementation of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5259 (law enforcement data). If the

\$1.04M for Student Support Services

Addresses urgent needs in mental health counseling, sexual violence survivor support, multicultural student support, veterans' services and disability access.

- We advocated that the university create an endowment scholarship for BIPOC students.**
- ASWWU is committed to holding WWU administrators accountable to implementing tangible change using state funding for equity initiatives.**

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(5) \$494,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$548,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for critical support services to ensure traditionally underrepresented students receive the same opportunities for academic success as their peers.

\$500K to implement DEI training for staff and faculty

Senate Bill 5227 creates a training program on diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism for faculty, staff and students at institutions of higher education.

- **Funding can go towards hiring a Manager of Equal Opportunity Programs to coordinate this program**
- **\$9-12k is potentially set aside for stipends to students involved in feedback and listening sessions.**

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(17) \$353,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$153,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for implementation of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5227 (diversity, etc./higher

\$225K to predesign a Student Development and Success Center

This funding will be used to develop a predesign for a new building on campus.

- **The current proposal is to build a 40,000 square foot building that will co-locate student advising, financial aid, counseling, and career development into one collaborative facility**

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NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5108. FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**
Student Development and Success Center (30000919)