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## **FEDERAL RELATIONS**

### The Science Coalition

Congress soon will make an important set of decisions that could significantly impact our nation's global technological and economic edge now and for years to come. The House Science, Space and Technology Committee is about to mark up legislation — the Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act (FIRST Act) — to reauthorize a number of agencies and programs, including the National Science Foundation, charged with enabling the United States to uphold a position of world leadership in research and education.

The FIRST Act has many important, positive aspects. But it is marred by two issues that will limit its effectiveness in producing future discoveries and the understanding to make use of them. One is a substantial reduction in funding for social science research. The second is the addition of a potentially devastating layer of review to ensure any research is “worthy of federal funding” and “in the national interest.”

Though understandable in the present economic environment, reduction in funding of federal science agencies is regrettable. Numerous studies have shown that U.S. competitiveness is based in large part on innovation and that peer-reviewed research is a hugely important driver of that innovation.

As a member of the Board of Directors of The Science Coalition, we are concerned that the removal of peer review from grants, along with the significant reduction in funding for grants, will hamper our economic growth. The reduction for funding for research is for all sciences, including social science. We worked in crafting a letter that was well received by many organizations and joined by more than 100 businesses and non-profit groups in opposition to the current version of the FIRST Act.

### Support for WSU's Byrne Criminal Justice Program Grant Application

The Wayne State University Police Department, led by Chief Anthony Holt, has applied for a Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant. This grant, entitled the “Midtown CompStat Initiative,” is to begin October 1, 2014 and end June 30, 2017. This competitive grant will total \$1 million to the awardee.

Unlike other university police departments, Wayne State University's has authority over the entire city of Detroit. This police department patrols 125,000 residents daily, and has 911 response times between ninety seconds and three minutes. The overwhelming numbers of arrests made by this police department are not made on the campus of Wayne State University. In addition, Wayne State University's police department works to improve the quality of life for the residents of Midtown with monthly meetings of local citizens, community leaders, non-profit organizations and businesses to coordinate crime reduction and improve the quality of life. For example, the police department often brings along social workers to help address homelessness, drug abuse, and other social issues. This comprehensive approach has vastly improved the quality of life of this section of the city – real estate values, housing and apartment rental rates, and indicators for jobs have all been positive. Crime has gone down.

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This grant will help Wayne State University address its \$2 million annual unfunded mandate due to the positive work of its police department. It is believed that Wayne State University Police Department is one of only two in the United States with such broad jurisdiction. As we work to revitalize Detroit, it is support like the Byrne Grant that will be important to that outcome. To date, we have secured a letter of support from Rep. Gary Peters and are working with the offices of other members of the Michigan Congressional delegation to secure additional letters of support of this grant application.

#### Pairing our Professors and Program Managers

Working with Polsinelli, our new lobbying team, we have begun an initiative to better pair our researchers, deans and professors to program managers in the various agencies in the federal government. While Congress has been unable to pass several appropriation measures, the federal agencies continue to issue grant opportunities. Since the end of earmarks, the control of federal funding has shifted from Congress to individual program managers. Once a relationship has been formed between a professor or a group of professors/researchers and a program manager, it is significantly easier to learn of various opportunities in a federal agency – grants, sabbaticals, peer-reviewed research and papers, and internships. Our firm has dedicated an individual to work on making this process more effective for Wayne State University. As one of our nation's major research universities, this is a key element of our success going forward.

### **STATE RELATIONS**

#### Revenue Estimating Conference

On May 15, the State Treasurer and the heads of the Senate and House Fiscal Agencies convened the Revenue Estimating Conference. The conference determines how much revenue the State has for use in the General Fund (GF) and the School Aid Fund (SAF) budgets.

The conference determined that state revenue for the current fiscal year (2013-14) is down \$317 million (\$253.2 million in the GF and \$63.7 million in the SAF).

For the coming fiscal year, the conference revised revenues downward by \$299.1 million (\$220.5 million in the GF and \$78.5 million below in the SAF). All these numbers are revised downward from the January estimate.

According to Gongwer News Service, there were a couple of factors for the decline. One factor was the brutally hard winter the state went through, which helped keep consumers away from stores. Sales tax revenues especially were hurt during that time period.

Also, State coffers were affected by political fighting in Washington, D.C. Investors who file annual tax paid those taxes a year before - collections for annual payments were up by more than 68 percent in 2012-13 - as they cashed out following aggressive stock market growth and out of fears that taxes might change as Congress and the President fought over a resolution to the Fiscal Cliff.

While downward revenues should not mean a negative hit for us in the current fiscal year, with all that lawmakers are juggling this year, it may be difficult to get the full \$80 million in new funding for the Higher Education budget in the coming year's budget.

**Budget Action - Higher Ed Budget Conference Committee**

The Higher Education Budget Conference Committee passed unanimously the budget conference report this week. The bill now goes to both chambers for final approval. As the report is an agreed upon deal between the leadership and the administration, we see no reason this shouldn't be the version that is signed into law by the Governor.

The overall increase for university operations totals \$74.64 million, a 5.9 percent increase. If the university keeps tuition to 3.2 percent or below, WSU will receive \$7.12 million, a 3.9 percent increase, for the coming fiscal year. The amount of this new funding that comes from the new Pell metric WSU pushed for is \$632,500. Another item that we advocated for during the budget negotiations was that much of the new funding be put into the base. As a result, half of the new funding, or \$37.3 million, amounts to \$5.6 million of the new funding we will receive.

Summary: FY 2014-15 University Performance Funding Increases  
Conference Report: SB 768 (S-1) CR-1

University	FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date Appropriation	Performance Funding Proportional to Share of Total				Performance Funding Scored vs. National Carnegie Peers										*Total Funding Increase	Proposed FY 2014-15 Appropriation	Percent Change
		50.0%		11.1%		5.6%		33.3%										
% of formula: Funding per unit:		\$557 per completion		\$0.0032 per dollar		\$13.63 per weighted point												
		Critical Skills Undergrad Completions	Funding	Research & Development Expenditures	Funding	6-year Grad Rate	Total Degrees	Institut Support as % of Expend	Pell Grant Students	Total Points	Undergrad FYES	FYES- Weighted Points	Funding					
Michigan State	\$249,597,800	\$7,453,666	2,718	\$1,512,787	\$318,951,530	\$1,026,915	2	3	2	3	10	35,494	354,940	\$4,838,050	\$14,831,300	\$264,429,100	5.9%	
UM-Ann Arbor	279,232,700	8,309,406	2,743	1,526,631	714,903,000	2,301,744	3	3	2	2	10	27,905	279,050	3,803,622	15,941,400	295,174,100	5.7%	
Wayne State	183,398,300	5,627,231	661	367,605	153,453,343	494,067	0	0	0	3	3	15,470	46,410	632,597	7,121,500	190,519,800	3.9%	
Michigan Tech	43,473,800	1,259,181	927	515,753	56,380,000	181,524	3	0	2	2	7	5,165	36,155	492,815	2,449,300	45,923,100	5.6%	
Western	97,279,000	2,880,074	1,069	594,958	23,042,963	74,190	2	2	2	2	8	17,550	140,400	1,913,738	5,463,000	102,742,000	5.6%	
Central Oakland	73,540,100 45,651,600	2,105,422 1,333,724	693 1,023	385,414 569,356	9,894,583 11,252,501	31,857 36,229	3 0	2 2	3 0	3 2	12 4	18,660 14,182	223,920 56,728	3,052,167 773,237	5,574,900 2,712,500	79,115,000 48,364,100	7.6% 5.9%	
Eastern Ferris Grand Valley Saginaw Valley UM-Dearborn UM-Flint	67,275,400 45,636,500 57,823,500 25,991,000 22,510,400 19,938,200	1,997,545 1,277,442 1,628,394 728,346 649,667 549,083	664 1,241 1,299 394 374 437	369,553 690,720 722,722 219,004 207,873 242,936			2 2 3 2 2 2	3 3 3 2 0 2	2 2 2 0 0 2	3 3 11 6 4 8	10 10 10 6 2 8	15,616 10,875 19,751 8,215 5,894 5,571	156,160 108,750 217,261 49,290 23,576 44,568	2,128,556 1,482,329 2,961,401 671,853 321,355 607,489	4,495,700 3,450,500 5,312,500 1,619,200 1,178,900 1,399,500	71,771,100 49,087,000 63,136,000 27,610,200 23,689,300 21,337,700	6.7% 7.6% 9.2% 6.2% 5.2% 7.0%	
Northern Lake Superior	41,741,400 12,231,000	1,186,036 333,533	488 173	271,425 96,319			2 0	3 2	2 0	3 2	10 4	7,911 2,231	79,110 8,924	1,078,318 121,640	2,535,800 551,500	44,277,200 12,782,500	6.1% 4.5%	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,265,320,700</b>	<b>\$37,318,750</b>	<b>14,901</b>	<b>\$8,293,056</b>	<b>\$1,287,877,920</b>	<b>\$4,146,528</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>210,490</b>	<b>1,825,242</b>	<b>\$24,879,167</b>	<b>\$74,637,500</b>	<b>\$1,339,958,200</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	

Total funding increase: \$74,637,500

Component	Source	Years	Notes
Critical skills undergrad completions	State HEIDI	FYs 2012-2013	STEM/health/etc.
Research & develop expend	Federal IPEDS	FY 2012	Carnegie research universities only
Six-year graduation rate	Federal IPEDS*	FYs 2008-2011	First-time, full-time degree seeking students
Total degree completions	Federal IPEDS*	FYs 2008-2011	Includes graduate degrees
Inst support as % of core expend	Federal IPEDS*	FYs 2008-2011	Measure of administrative costs
Pell grant students	Federal IPEDS*	FYs 2009-2011	Federal need-based aid for undergrads
Undergrad FYES	^Via BLM/AEG State HEIDI	FY 2013	Includes nonresident students

- \*Requirements to receive funding increase:
1. Restrain FY 2014-15 resident undergraduate tuition/fee rate increase to 3.2% or below
  2. Participate in at least three reverse transfer agreements with community colleges (or make good-faith effort)
  3. Maintain a dual enrollment credit policy that does not consider whether credits were used toward high school graduation
  4. Participate in the Michigan Transfer Network

Scoring	
Top 20% nationally	3
Above national median	2
Improving over 3 years	2

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[http://house.michigan.gov/hfa/PDF/Summaries/14s768s1\\_Higher\\_Ed\\_Conference\\_Report\\_Summary.pdf](http://house.michigan.gov/hfa/PDF/Summaries/14s768s1_Higher_Ed_Conference_Report_Summary.pdf)

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The Higher Education Conference Committee members were:

SENATE CONFEREES

Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, Chair  
Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.  
Senator Morris Hood

HOUSE CONFEREES

Representative Al Pscholka  
Representative John Walsh  
Representative Sam Singh

The controversial “union” language targeting Michigan State University has been modified and removes the financial penalty. Also, the student health insurance reporting requirement added by the Senate was removed in the final product.

In-State Tuition for Veterans

Two House Joint Resolutions that require in-state tuition for veterans at the state’s community colleges and universities passed the House of Representatives recently. Both resolutions (HJR M & N) passed by a vote of 108-1. The bills are now in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

If passed by the Senate, the question of whether or not community colleges and universities are required to offer this tuition rate goes before the voters in the fall election. If passed by the voters, it will be placed into the state constitution.

At this time, all 15 public universities already offer this tuition rate; however, not all community colleges do.

Concurrent Enrollment Legislation

There were hearings on a package of bills recently that would make changes to the way concurrent enrollment would work in Michigan. Senate Bills 745-747 would authorize a school district or Public School Academy (PSA) that operates a high school to offer high school pupils the opportunity to take college-level concurrent enrollment courses. To provide this opportunity, the school district or PSA could partner with one or more postsecondary institutions or intermediate school districts (ISDs) and postsecondary institutions.

If a school district or PSA partnered with a postsecondary institution (community college or university) to offer concurrent enrollment courses, each course would have to offer the pupil high school and college credit upon successful completion. Each course would have to be offered at the high school, the ISD, or an educational shared facility; be taught by a teacher who met standards established by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership or the Higher Learning Commission, as well as standards developed by a partner postsecondary institution; and be college level and be delivered, assessed, and graded according to the high school's agreement with the postsecondary institution. Also, each course would have to be available before graduation to all pupils enrolled in the high school who had successfully completed the prerequisites for the course.

The Presidents Council and the Michigan Community College Association have been working with the sponsor of the legislation, Sen. Darwin Boohar (R-Evart), to make improvements the original version of the bills. While not perfect, the bills are much better than the original version.

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One of the important things to note about the legislation is that it is permissive – not mandatory. There were no votes taken on the bills at committee. No word yet when another hearing might be held.

### Loan Repayment Bills

Senate Bills 648 – 649 passed the House of Representatives recently by a vote of 104-6.

The bills, sponsored by Sens. John Moolenaar (R-Midland) and Jim Marleau (R-Lake Orion) would assist primary care providers (medical, dental, and mental health) in the repayment of medical education loans, in exchange for service in designated health professional shortage areas for 2 - 4 years.

Wayne State, along with other universities, has voiced support for the bills. The bills passed the Senate unanimously.

### Legislation Regarding Cadavers

Legislation is making its way through the legislature that would make changes to state law with regard to medical schools' use of cadavers for scientific use.

House Bill 4341, sponsored by Rep. Matt Lori (R-Constantine) would change current law to authorize the Michigan Department of Community Health to designate any of the state's accredited medical schools having a mortuary science licensee on staff to receive dead human bodies or parts of bodies that have been dedicated to science. Currently, state law only cites Michigan State University, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.

This law would allow for the other three universities with medical schools underway to participate (Oakland University, Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University).

The bill passed the House by vote of 110-0 and now sits in the Senate Health Policy Committee.

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## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

### Wayne Cares Events

#### *March of Dimes Walk*

Wayne State hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual March of Dimes Walk on campus Sunday, April 27, 2014. March of Dimes' mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The money raised in the March of Dimes walks supports programs to help local mothers experience healthy, full-term pregnancies. The march began and ended on WSU's campus at St. Andrew's Church on Anthony Wayne Drive near Warren Avenue. This year the Hines Park Walk was combined with the WSU walk. There were more than 2,000 participants from Metropolitan Detroit who walked and raised more than \$556,000. WSU had nine Wayne Cares teams that participated and raised more than \$6,100. Special thanks to WSU School of Medicine, WSU Special Events Department and WSU Police Department for making this event a success.

#### *Basic Needs Drive*

From March 18 to April 18, the Wayne State University Athletics Department *W Week* Community Service Initiative, in partnership with Office of Government and Community Affairs (Wayne Cares) and Marriott Hotels and Covenant House Michigan, collected small toiletry items to make basic needs bags for those in need in our community and for Covenant House Michigan's efforts to help young people in transition. Covenant House Michigan helps thousands of homeless and at-risk young people every year. In addition to food and shelter, Covenant House provides job development services and crisis intervention to its residents and other young people.

Marriott International, a dedicated sponsor since the drive's inception in 2011, has rallied nine of its Detroit-area hotels to donate over 1,000 items. Participating hotels included: Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, Courtyard Detroit Downtown, The Dearborn Inn - A Marriott Hotel, Detroit Marriott Southfield, Courtyard Detroit Troy, Courtyard Detroit Dearborn, Courtyard Detroit Auburn Hills, Courtyard Detroit Warren, and Residence Inn Detroit Warren.

On Friday, April 18, WSU student athletes, Wayne Cares and Marriott volunteers sorted more than 40,000 items into 450 overstuffed bags and distributed personal care kits directly to homeless individuals in and around Detroit's Cass Park. Bags were also donated directly to Covenant House and COTS. Since 2011, nearly 120,000 items have been collected and distributed.

#### *Midtown Makeover*

On Saturday, May 3, 2014, Wayne State University and Midtown Detroit, Inc., partnered again for the annual Midtown Makeover. More than 100 WSU and community volunteers joined together to revitalize and clean up the Midtown and New Center areas of Detroit, including streets on and near the WSU campus. Clean up locations included the north Cass area, Brush Park, the Art Center District, and West Grand Blvd. in the New Center area. Approximately 500 volunteer hours were logged and more than 350 bags of trash were collected.

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*Wayne Cares Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure*

On June 7, 2014, Wayne State University is once again participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure under the Wayne Cares banner. Co-chairs this year are Rick Cummins from the Wayne Cares Athletics team and Krystal Ankawi from the Wayne Cares College of Nursing Team. Individuals can sign up for any registered Wayne Cares team at <http://wayne.edu/communityengagement/waynecares/race-for-the-cure.php>.