
FEDERAL RELATIONS

Continuing Resolution

Congress adopted a continuing resolution (CR) that will fund the government through April 28, 2017. The measure would avert a lapse in government funding after current stopgap funding expired December 9, 2016.

The legislation would also appropriate \$170 million for lead contamination in Flint, Michigan; \$872 million for new health research initiatives under the 21st Century Cures Act; and \$10.1 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations funding for the Defense and State departments. The CR will provide funds for most agencies through April 28, 2017, at a rate based on the spending amounts in the fiscal 2016 omnibus appropriations law. The measure would impose a 0.1901 percent across-the-board funding reduction to keep the measure within discretionary spending caps for total funding of \$1.07 trillion. The amendment omits provisions sought by Democrats and the White House to extend the [Export-Import Bank](#)'s financing authority and provide extra funding for the [Commodity Futures Trading Commission](#) to enforce the Dodd-Frank Act. It also omits language sought by Democrats to renew expiring tax breaks for energy technologies, such as fuel cells.

21st Century Cures Funding

The CR would appropriate funding authorized under the 21st Century Cures Act. The health policy omnibus would authorize a total of \$6.3 billion for new accounts to support medical research and the National Institutes of Health, expedited treatment approvals at the Food and Drug Administration and to provide grants to states to address the ongoing opioid use epidemic. The bill also provides \$352 million for the [National Institutes of Health](#) Innovation account, which includes the precision medicine initiative and the so-called cancer moonshot.

Flint, Michigan Lead Abatement

The CR measure would provide a total of \$170 million for various programs to address lead contamination in the Flint, Michigan, water supply. The funds would be for infrastructure improvement grants, lead poisoning prevention care, and a lead exposure registry. The money would be authorized in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, also known as the Water Resources Development Act. The CR provides:

- \$100 million for capitalization grants provided through the Environmental Protection Agency's Drinking Water State Revolving Funds within the State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program.

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- \$20 million for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program (WIFIA), which provides loan subsidies for projects to leverage additional investment.
 - \$20 million for a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lead poisoning registry.
 - \$15 million for CDC childhood lead poisoning prevention programs.
 - \$15 million for the Health Resources and Services Administration's [Healthy Start Initiative](#).

The measure would offset the funding provided for lead contamination related programs by rescinding \$170 million from a special allotment of \$14.7 billion in funding provided to the Children's Health Insurance Program under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act.

General James Mattis' Nomination

Legislation would create an expedited process for the Senate to consider a waiver for General [James Mattis](#) to serve as defense secretary. The measure wouldn't itself implement the waiver. General Mattis was recently nominated by President-elect Donald Trump.

The waiver is needed because of a legal requirement that bars military members from service as defense secretary unless they've been retired from the military for seven years. General Mattis retired in 2013 as chief of the U.S. Central Command. A waiver was provided in 1950 for George Marshall to serve in the position. The provision would apply only to the Mattis nomination. The Armed Services Committee would have five session days to act on the measure, after which it would be discharged. Floor debate on the waiver legislation would be limited to 10 hours, meaning that leaders wouldn't have to obtain cloture to limit debate. The legislation would still require 60 votes for passage, meaning the Democrats have the ability to block it. Under a 2013 rules change, only a simple majority is needed to cut off debate on the nomination itself.

Department of Justice Meeting

Vice President for Government and Community Affairs Patrick Lindsey and Federal Affairs Director James Williams, Jr., along with Anita Estell of the Estell Group, met with officials at the U.S. Department of Justice regarding grant and technical training programs for Wayne State University's police department. These meetings were requested before the unfortunate murder of Sgt. Collin J. Rose. DOJ officials were extremely helpful in helping us navigate how our police department could be better positioned for future opportunities, and also informed us that our police department would be the recipient of a grant once funding is appropriated by Congress.

National Institutes of Health Meeting

Vice President for Government and Community Affairs Patrick Lindsey and Federal Affairs Director James Williams, Jr., along with Anita Estell of the Estell Group, met with a top official at the National Institute of Minority Health Disparities. This initial meeting was to determine possible funding venues for Wayne State University's IBio Center, and to find out whether there are federal opportunities supporting such holistic approaches to the research, treatment and cure of diseases. Wayne State University was encouraged to apply for future funding opportunities at the beginning of the year, and we were equally excited once we saw the level of enthusiasm from NIMHD, which is part of the National Institutes of Health.

STATE RELATIONS

Kelley Cawthorne Dinner

In early December, Kelley Cawthorne hosted a "meet-and-greet" dinner in Detroit for new members of the state legislature. In addition to Wayne State, a representative from DTE Energy (another client of Kelley Cawthorne) was in attendance as well.

The incoming members in attendance were:

- Rep.-elect Brian Elder (D-Bay City)
- Rep.-elect Abdullah Hammoud (D-Dearborn)
- Rep.-elect Jewell Jones (D-Detroit) and a member of his staff
- Rep.-elect Darrin Camilleri (D-Trenton)

Current members of the legislature in attendance were:

- Sen. Ian Conyers (D-Detroit)
- Rep. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit)
- Rep. David Rutledge (D-Ypsilanti)

Sexual Assault Grant

Wayne State University was recently awarded a state grant from the Campus Sexual Assault Prevention program led by Michigan First Lady Sue Snyder. Our funds will be used to develop a peer education program focused on prevention education within the Wayne State community, and with several of the EAA local high schools.

URC Meeting with Budget Director

In December, governmental affairs representatives and faculty from the University Research Corridor (URC) institutions met with the State Budget Director and the head of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to discuss the potential for state funding for a new Data Center in East Lansing.

The institutions are asking for \$175 million over five-years to construct a Data Center on the campus of Michigan State University (MSU). The reason for the location is because they have just broken ground on a new Data Center (that the proposal hopes to add onto) and because of their central location in the state. Under the proposal, the new Data Center would not only be used by the three research institutions, but the other 12 public institutions and community colleges who wish to join.

The idea is that since most, if not all, of these state public institutions will have a future need to construct or add onto their current Data Centers, it makes fiscal sense to build one big center that all can utilize. In the long-term, this will save money for the state and all of the institutions.

The URC institutions will be bringing the other 12 universities into the discussion to see how they feel about the proposal while the administration ponders the initiative.

Business Accelerator Meeting with MEDC

We have once again had to move the business accelerator meeting with the MEDC because of scheduling conflicts. The meeting was scheduled for December 20th, but has been changed to January 5th in Lansing. This meeting is to pitch our proposal for funding for the various business accelerators in Michigan - including TechTown.

Gretchen Whitmer/Dan Kildee Meetings with President Wilson

In late November, President Wilson met with Ingham County Prosecutor Gretchen Whitmer. The former Senator is considering running for Governor and has met with a few university presidents to discuss higher education policy in Michigan.

President Wilson discussed Wayne State and the unique issues we face and how they are affected by state policy and higher education appropriations. Following the meeting with the President, Gretchen Whitmer took a tour of TechTown.

President Wilson is scheduled to meet with Congressman Dan Kildee, who is also considering a run for Governor in 2017, on January 9th.

We are reaching out to other potential candidates for Governor to gauge their interest in meeting with President Wilson.

Meet and Greet with Speaker-Elect Leonard's COS

Kelley Cawthorne recently held a "meet-and-greet" for a couple of their clients with Speaker of the House-elect Tom Leonard's Chief of Staff, Dan Pero. Mr. Pero was concerned about rising tuition and the increasing amount of debt that students were leaving college with. He was also interested to know how our relationship with Tenet was progressing.

Officer Collin Rose

Following the tragic passing of WSU Police Officer Collin Rose, our Division was in contact with the Governor's office to ensure he was appropriately recognized by the State. As a result, the Governor lowered the flags on all state buildings in honor of Officer Rose. One of the flags that flew over the Capitol (along with a letter from the Governor) was sent to the University to be presented to Officer Rose's family. The Governor's office also prepared a Tribute to Officer Rose for his funeral. The Governor also attended the visitation for Officer Rose at Ford Field.

The State Senate honored Officer Rose with a moment of silence. There were also several members of the Legislature, the Governor and Lt. Governor who made reference to Officer Rose on their social media accounts.

URC Brown Bag Lunch Planning

The government relations teams from the URC institutions and the URC held a planning meeting for the next Brown Bag Lunch to be held in Lansing in mid-March.

At this point, the topic overview is: Michigan's leading research institutions examine the technological and policy advances needed to create the twenty-first century infrastructure to ensure Michigan can remain competitive in the global economy. Michigan's University Research Corridor (URC) – one of the nation's top academic research clusters and an alliance of Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University – invites you to join us for lunch as we hear from university research experts about technology advances in the areas of transportation, water and sewer, communications, and energy along with the policy implications in these areas.

For this luncheon, we are holding it on a legislative session day in hopes of getting greater involvement from lawmakers.

Rep. Cole Inquiry re Election "Counseling" on Campuses

State Representative Triston Cole (R-Mancelona) contacted several of the state's colleges and universities and inquired whether any of the institutions provided resources for students to "grieve" over the results of the November General Election. He also inquired as to how those resources were funded.

After discussion with several of the State Relations Officers, we felt it was best that the Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU) responded on all of our behalf. MASU was set to meet with Rep. Cole in December but his office cancelled due to conflicts. So, MASU provided his office with a written response and said that if the Representative still wanted to meet, Dan Hurley was willing to discuss the matter further.

Michigan Environmental Health Summit

Our Division was recently contacted by Nicholas Schroeck who is Director, Transnational Environmental Law Clinic at the WSU Law School. He is working with colleagues at the University of Michigan, the University of Iowa, and the National Council for State Legislatures (NCSL) to put on an Environmental Health Summit in Lansing next year.

The individuals were in Lansing in December to meet with legislative staff regarding the Summit.

As we were just brought in on the process, our Division is offering our assistance on the Summit.

State of the State Address

Governor Snyder's State of the State Address is scheduled for January 17.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Combined Charitable Contributions Campaign

Every year, Community Affairs hosts the United Way for Southeastern Michigan (UWSEM) and the Black United Fund (BUF) combined charitable contributions fundraiser. United Way provides our community with an independent safety net of health and human services by supporting a number of community service agencies. The Black United Fund is a community-based resource center that assists community efforts through referrals, funding, consultation and/or technical assistance. Both organizations provide numerous community service programs through a large network of volunteers and donors. This year's campaign chair is Dean Matthew W. Seeger, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, and the co-chair is Dean Cheryl E. Waites, School of Social Work.

The year's campaign closed on December 9, 2016, and WSU employee contributions and pledges total \$59,787.00 (United Way \$41,278.00 and BUF \$18,509.00).

Canstruction®

This is the sixth year Wayne State University partnered with Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, Kroger and the American Institute of Architects for "Canstruction®." Canstruction® is a competition where teams design and build giant sculptures made completely of canned food. WSU hosted the Canstruction® Design and Build exhibit on campus on Friday, December 2, 2016, at our Welcome Center during NOEL night; the display remained up a week after NOEL Night. Teams included Metro Detroit architects, engineers, contractors, designers and students with backgrounds in engineering, design or architecture.

Kroger provided a sponsor gift of \$10,000 to assist with purchasing the cans for this project. The event included cans of 24,000 food-equivalent to 20,000 meals—that were donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. The teams raised another \$18,300. More than 10,000

people visited the Welcome Center to view Construction. Thanks to the Welcome Center for hosting this annual event.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

WSU's 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Preview Party

On Wednesday, November 23, the Division of Government and Community Affairs held its Second Annual Thanksgiving Preview Party. This event was designed to thank our community partners in the nonprofit, business, labor, faith and governmental communities for their support and partnership in serving the community over the course of the year. This year's event was slated to see a 50% increase in turnout with more than 200 people RSVPing to attend. Although it rained for the duration of the event (half of which was scheduled to take place outside), we still had in excess of 100 attendees, a small increase from last year. We appreciate the partnership of the Parade Company and WSU's Development Office in working with us to ensure this event's success.

Cision

Work is moving forward to activate our newly purchased government relations software, Cision. Cision is a web-based software that will allow us to engage a number of WSU's constituents including students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, donors, and others in advocating for legislation that benefits our institution. This grassroots solution will help us educate and mobilize supporters via social media and email. It also includes built in analytics so we will be able to track and measure the success of our campaigns.

eNewsletter

Our third iteration of the Division's eNewsletter, Wayne Engaged, was distributed December 1, 2016. This edition highlighted the University's upcoming Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute scheduled for January 13, 2017. Our University Spotlight this month focused on accomplishments and upcoming activities of the Office of Economic Development. Governmental updates included federal and state election updates. To view this latest version of Wayne Engaged, visit http://i.wayne.edu/view/5841d943072ff?utm_source=link&utm_medium=email-5841d943072ff&utm_campaign=Wayne+State+University+-+The+Advocate&utm_content=

Warrior Day in Lansing

The Division is planning a grassroots Warrior Day in Lansing on Tuesday March 21, 2017. Our office has reached out to all Deans to ask them to consider sending students and faculty to be a part of this day. The day's activities are slated to include bus transportation to and from Lansing, a welcome briefing, meetings with representatives and senators, lunch, and time to display our work at tables in the Capitol.

GOVERNMENT HEALTH AFFAIRS

Opioid Op-Ed

In its November 4, 2016, weekend edition, the Detroit News ran our [op-ed](#). The op-ed, signed by David Hefner, detailed our university-wide task force on opioid addiction and how we can enhance our curriculum to better prepare health care professionals on safe prescribing and addiction treatment/prevention. As a result, the state of Michigan's chief medical officer for mental health has asked us to host a forum on opioid addiction curriculum with the other medical schools.

Psychiatry Residency Training Grant

WSU has partnered with DMC on a psychiatry residency training program for decades. A large portion of funding for the program comes through a state grant, whereas DMC pays us for teaching services. Nearly ten years ago, DMC received a million dollar plus increase in funding from the State as a result of a change in the Medicaid match formula. Unfortunately, DMC never passed on those increases to WSU. In fact, we have not received an increase in funding for the program for more than a decade. As a result, we have experienced annual shortfalls in funding for the program. To that end, we have informed the DMC this past month that we are formally requesting an adjustment to our contract specific to this program. The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority is also a partner in the program and has also expressed concerns as to DMC's payment methodology. The DWMHA has agreed to our proposed change. It is unlikely we will see any positive response from DMC, and we will likely continue with the previously drafted language for 2017.

Graduate Medical Education (GME) Reform – MiDoc's

The state medical schools, sans Oakland U., met with the State Medicaid director on December 20th to discuss next steps on MiDoc's. The meeting also included representatives from a few Federally Qualified Health Centers from around the state and Michigan AHEC. We were told that our \$500K in planning funds will be released in early 2017, which will allow us to create a fiduciary organization of the medical schools and hire a planning director. We will be asking for \$5 million during this upcoming appropriations process to fund MiDoc's moving forward.

In response to the multitude of concerns from state legislators on the State Medicaid GME Program, we worked with the legislature in 2013 to create the MiDocs program. MiDocs is a consortium of Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University, and their medical school, to create a pilot program that will help create new physicians practicing in primary care and other targeted specialties to train and serve post-residency in the most medically underserved communities in the state. Furthermore, the program will be needs based, focused on quality metrics, be financially accountable and transparent, and will produce an annual audited statement that shows the efficacy of the program, based on those guiding principles. The MiDocs consortium submitted its report to the legislature in April, including a plan for a pilot program. The pilot program will include a leadership role for the Michigan Area Health Education Center and will create a new legal entity named MiDocs, which will distribute program funding on behalf of the legislature.

Association of American Medical Schools (AAMC)

Doug Skrzyniarz has been elected as the Chair of the AAMC's government relations group, which is an association of government affairs executives from academic medical centers around the country. He was also asked to be a panelist at their national conference, held in December 2016, in Seattle, Washington. His term as Chair began January 1, 2017.

Lycaki-Young Fund

A representative from the WSU Department of Psychiatry and I met with the state mental health director and her team to discuss the program. They were briefed on the clinical, academic, and research outcomes of the funding. The state officials appeared impressed with the presentation. They have requested increased collaboration with the state and for us to provide a more detailed budget.

We are now preparing for the FY18 budget process in securing the \$5.6 million in funding for the Lycaki Young program. These are state general fund dollars that reside in the department of Health and Human Services budget. The state recently hired a new state director for psychiatry. There is some concern that she may look to alter support for the Lycaki Young fund but that remains to be seen. We will be working with her office and the state to ensure support of the fund for the FY18 fiscal year.