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## FEDERAL RELATIONS

On March 24, 2018, Congress approved a 2,200-page omnibus appropriations bill. The omnibus measure incorporates all 12 appropriations bills for FY2018, and is the result of bicameral, bipartisan negotiations, with input from the current administration. The bill passed in the House 256 to 167; Michigan Congressmen Amash and Bergman were the only nay votes on final passage. In the Senate, the bill passed 65 to 32, with both Michigan senators voting in favor of final passage. Some key areas of the law that could possibly affect Wayne State University include:

### Education

- \$1.1 billion for Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants program, which is \$700 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
- \$120 million for Education Innovation and Research, which is \$20 million more than the FY 2017 enacted level. Of the total amount, \$50 million is included for a new STEM and Computer Science competition.
- \$1.4 billion for Impact Aid, which is \$86 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
- \$1.2 billion for Career and Technical Education, which is \$75 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
- \$1 billion for TRIO, which is \$60 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
- \$350 million for GEAR UP, which is \$10 million more than the 2017 enacted level.
- \$680 million for Aid for Institutional Development and Minority-Serving Institutions programs, which is \$85 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
- \$350 million for a new discretionary relief fund for borrowers to receive public service loan forgiveness
- \$1.3 billion to eliminate the Pell Grant rescission.
- Sufficient funding to increase the maximum Pell Grant award by \$175 for a total of \$6,095
- \$145 million for Apprenticeship Grants, which is \$50 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
- \$2.8 billion for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grants to States, which is \$80 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.

### Medical and Health Care Research

\$37.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is \$3 billion more than the FY2017 enacted level.

- \$3.7 billion for programs to respond to the opioid crisis, including prevention, treatment, surveillance, research to develop non-opioid pain medication, behavioral health workforce training, and support for children and families, which is \$2.7 billion more than the FY2017 enacted level.

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- \$8.0 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is \$806 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
  - \$5.2 billion for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA), which is \$1.4 billion more than the FY2017 enacted level.
  - \$4.0 billion for Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Program Management, which is the same as the FY2017 enacted level.
  - \$1.6 billion in discretionary funding for Community Health Centers, which is \$135 million more than the FY2017 enacted level. Combined with \$3.8 billion in mandatory funding, total funding for Community Health Centers is \$5.4 billion, which is \$335 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
  - \$1.1 billion for Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health Professions, which is \$222 million more than the FY2017 enacted level—including increases of \$105 million for the National Health Service Corps, \$52 million for behavioral health training and education programs, \$20 million for nursing education and training programs, and \$15 million for Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education.
  - \$334 million for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) research activities, which is \$10 million more than the FY2017 enacted level.
  - \$2.3 billion for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs, which is the same as the FY2017 enacted level.
  - \$286 million for Title X Family Planning, which is the same as the FY2017 enacted level. The House bill eliminated this program.

Additional legislative language/riders

The Omnibus does not contain new language attacking the Affordable Care Act.

The Omnibus continues a provision to prevent the CMS Program Management appropriation account from being used to support risk corridor payments.

The Omnibus includes a new policy provision that will block the Department of Education from reorganizing or decentralizing the Budget Service office.

The Omnibus continues policy provisions that will:

- Block a change in reimbursement policy for breast cancer screening, mammography, and breast cancer prevention. The provision will ensure these procedures continue to be covered by insurers without a copay.
- Allow state or local public health departments to use federal funds for support services related to syringe exchange programs, as long as the federal funds do not purchase the syringes.

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### Public Safety and Science

- \$2.4 billion overall for total State and Local Law Enforcement Activities, which is \$375 million higher than the FY 2017 enacted level.
- \$275 million overall for the COPS office, \$54 million more than the FY2017 level.
- \$149.5 million is for the core COPS Hiring Program, an increase of \$12.5 million above FY 2017.
- \$447 million for grant programs to address the opioid crisis, an increase of \$300 million above the FY 2017 level for activities such as: heroin enforcement task forces, drug courts, prescription drug monitoring, treatment and overdose reversal medication.
- \$7.8 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF), which is \$295 million more than the FY2017 level.

## **STATE RELATIONS**

### Sexual Assault Legislation

On March 14, the Senate passed Senate Bills 871-880 that seek to address criminal sexual conduct and sexual misconduct. The measures involved new criminal penalties, mandatory reporting requirements, extended statute of limitations, and elimination of governmental immunity. The state's public universities, in collaboration with a wide range of statewide groups and associations, requested a delay in passage of the bills pertaining to the statute of limitations and governmental immunity in order for a more comprehensive impact analysis to be conducted.

While there are several bills in the package we can all support, those who share similar concerns are K-12 organizations; organizations that represent local units of government; some in the business community; and the Michigan Catholic Conference.

The bills have now moved to the House where there will be pressure to act on the bills following the Legislative "spring break."

Prior to the passage of the legislation, there were several meetings that MASU and individual institutions held with members of the Senate including the Senate Majority Leader and the main sponsor of the package, Senator Margaret O'Brien.

### Teacher Prep Legislation

Over the past couple of months, the Legislature has spent quite a bit of time on the package of bills that would make significant changes to teacher preparation regulations in the state.

Earlier in March, the Deans of the Colleges of Education (or their designees) and the State Relations Officers (SRO's) met with Rep. Daniela Garcia (R-Holland), staff from the House and Senate, representatives from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and a member of the Governor's staff. Representative Garcia outlined the bills and her reasoning for wanting the changes made. The universities then talked about the areas they could support and those that we

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felt needed changes. The largest objection from the universities was the cost associated with a couple of these bills.

The morning following that meeting, the House Education Reform Committee held a hearing on the bills where four of the institutions testified. Dr. Kathryn Roberts was the Wayne State representative from our College of Education who participated in the testimony. Also testifying were the Deans of the University of Michigan, Oakland University and Western Michigan. Other Deans from the public and private institutions attended as well.

In late March, the House Education Reform Committee passed all of the bills in the teacher preparation package (HBs 5598-5605) by an overwhelming margin. There was some changes made prior to passage but not all were positive changes. For instance, in HB 5601, the 90 hours of classroom experience was increased to 400 hours.

A few SRO's will be meeting with the Speaker of the House and/or his staff over the Legislative "Spring Break" on the package to see if we can either slow the bills down or make positive improvements. We believe that MDE would also like to see changes made to the package.

We will continue to work with MASU and the institutions who have colleges of Education on talking with House members and committee members in the Senate.

#### Senate Bills 727 and 889

Legislation that would modify the criteria used to grant an interim teaching certificate by deleting the requirement that an individual pass the basic skills examination (SAT, for example) was presented to the Governor for his signature. The legislation was requested by a company from Texas that is beginning operations in Michigan. They assist individuals who would like to move from their current job (or displaced from their job) into teaching in their subject area. This is, as the company claims, to help fill the gaps in teaching in the state. This legislation, the company claims, would make it easier for those people to fill those teaching positions.

A group of Education Deans and Associate Deans from a number of the universities, including Wayne State, would like a level playing field for our students who are just leaving our institutions and entering teaching. The bill above ONLY applies to those coming from another job/industry and not first-time teachers.

We worked with the Department of Education (DOE) and members of the Senate to draft legislation that would delete the requirements for ALL individuals who pass the basic skills examination in order to receive a teaching certificate. As a result, Senate Bill 889, sponsored by Sen. Marty Knollenberg, was reported out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a floor vote.

Our group of Deans and Associate Deans wanted the two bills to move together, however, the Chair of the Senate Education Committee wanted to move SB 727 quickly. We feel confident that SB 889 will move following the Legislative "spring break."

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### Warriors Day in Lansing

On March 20, the Division of Government and Community Affairs held its annual Warriors Day in Lansing. By our count, nearly 60 students and faculty participated in the day, which included meetings with lawmakers, legislative speakers, a legislative lunch and separate meetings for the President.

President Wilson, Vice President Lindsey and Director Bird met with the following lawmakers: Rep. Kim LaSata, Rep. Larry Inman, Rep. Laura Cox, Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker and State Budget Director John Walsh. The President also hosted a lunch at the Capitol for the Detroit Delegation, where twelve of the delegation members attended.

Although student and faculty participation was down from last year, all who participated indicated that it was a very positive experience. We will work to improve retention of students who sign up, as we had many no-shows the morning of the event.

### President's Testimony

On February 22, President Wilson testified before the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee as a part of the annual appropriations process. Following his remarks, the president received and responded to a few questions regarding sexual assaults and the university's policies surrounding this issue.

The President's testimony can be viewed by clicking this link:  
<https://misenate.viebit.com/player.php?hash=PuNeo2nKQZTe>

If you would like to see a written version, click here:  
<https://president.wayne.edu/pdfs/wsutestimonial18.pdf>

### MASU Reception

The Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU) held its annual legislative reception recently at the Dykema offices. This reception was held on the day of the MASU Board meeting in order to maximize presidential participation. President Wilson and the Division of Government and Community Affairs were in attendance. As always, there was a great turn-out of lawmakers and staff for the event.

### Autism Testimony

As part of the state's Department of Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee hearings on their budget, the subcommittee took testimony in late March on autism services provided in the state. The universities that receive funding for autism services, including Wayne State, were in attendance as a show of support for the funding we receive. We have also been meeting as a group with pertinent lawmakers and staff to push for the preservation of funding.

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Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Portrait Unveiling

On February 28, officials from the Division of Government and Community Affairs attended the portrait unveiling of William Webb Ferguson, the first African American elected to the House of Representatives. This ceremony was hosted by the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus and featured many lawmakers, state officials and Governor Snyder. Wayne State was a sponsor of this event.

**GOVERNMENT HEALTH AFFAIRS**

Opioid Awareness Day

In 2016, the university created a task force to help organize our efforts on the opioid crisis. Since that time, the task force has helped create a list of university priorities related to the opioid epidemic, how we can support the community, and how we can better instruct our health science students. We hosted the White House's director of drug control policy and partnered with the Levin Center to increase awareness of the topic with medical students. The task force has also hosted other discussions on proper prescribing.

The task force's next priority is to address the opioid crisis from the perspective of student life. In partnership with the office of the Dean of Students, the task force is organizing an Opioid Awareness Day, to take place in September. The task force and other leaders will be meeting in April to set a date for the event and draft an itinerary of activities for the day. Activities will include health education, information on mental health and addiction support, seminars on proper use of opioids, as well as a film and associated panel discussion on the crisis. We hope to have a draft of the day's events to share with the Board in May or June.

Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC)

WSU and MDOC are now four months into the new partnership on health excellence for the prisoner population. The new Chief Medical Officer, Assistant Chief Medical Officer, and Chief Psychiatrists, are all in place with new offices, phones, emails, and standardized schedules. They have also taken on their roles as chair of key health related committees including pharmacy review, mortality review, et al. MDOC is thrilled to have this new resource of medical administrative support for their facilities. The new personnel can attest to the need of their roles, as they are busy around the clock with visits to facilities, responding to emergency emails and phone calls, and also providing leadership in how MDOC can improve their health delivery system.

The government health affairs office is organizing a university task force to support our new relationship with MDOC. This task force will include members from the health science schools and other university leaders to best identify opportunities for collaboration. The task force will hold its first meeting in May. In addition to the reactive nature of medical administration, WSU wants to provide proactive support to MDOC to identify opportunities for improvement on patient care. As an example, we may work with MDOC on a population health project related to asthma. MDOC experiences a high rate of urgent care related to asthma. It may help improve quality outcomes

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and increase efficiency by better managing prisoners with asthma, rather than taking a more reactive approach. Prevention is a key piece of managing population health. We need to establish a task force within the university as a way to coordinate our various sources of support on asthma or any other medical condition that we prioritize.

#### Psychiatry Residency Training Grant

The Psychiatry Residency Training Grant has been in existence since about 2002. Each year, we receive millions of dollars in federal support via the state Medicaid office, to offset our expenses in our psychiatry residency training program. While the DMC is the primary program administrator, WSU provides most of the faculty teaching and is host for all the outpatient training opportunities. The grant requires a tri-partite agreement between DMC, WSU, and the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, in order to receive any funds. There is often a delayed contracting period between DMC and WSU, related to the ongoing problems between the two organizations. Fortunately, we have been able to complete the 2018 contracting process and are now working on 2019. We were also able to receive sign-off from the new CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

#### Graduate Medical Education (GME) Reform – MIDOCS

WSU has been working for five years on the MIDOCS project, which will ultimately increase the amount of primary care physicians in underserved communities. Multiple state and federal reports show a shortage of 800 to 1,500 primary care physicians in the state of Michigan by 2030. Regardless of how many new medical schools open in the state, we cannot increase our physician workforce without new graduate medical education training slots. The federal government has capped those slots, which has left Michigan and other states with a growing shortage of primary care physicians.

Four years ago, the state of Michigan appropriated a \$500,000 planning grant to look at this issue and design a plan of action. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released those funds this past summer to the MIDOCS Consortium to complete the report. MIDOCS is comprised of Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University. We hired a Medicaid expert from DC to help us design a funds flow that would leverage federal dollars in a matching program. To that end, MIDOCS proposed to the legislature a plan to create 50 new primary care residency training slots. It requires a \$5 million general fund appropriation, which would be matched by \$5 million from MIDOCS and then \$18 million by the federal government, a total budget of approximately \$28 million. Over ten years, this program will create 500 new primary care physicians working in underserved rural and urban communities throughout the state. Medical students who commit to participating in MIDOCS will also receive up to \$75,000 in tuition incentives. For the first time, we will be able to recruit medical students early in their medical education to practice primary care in Michigan. MIDOCS will be Michigan's plan and pipeline to shore up our primary care workforce. It could be a national model of how to address the physician shortage issue.

The government affairs team has been working with our colleagues from MSU, Western Michigan University, and CMU, to advocate for MIDOCS to leaders in the executive and legislative branches. It is our intention to have MIDOCS funded in the 2019 budget cycle. We are formally asking the legislature for a \$5 million general fund appropriation. Since January, we have held

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dozens of legislative and executive branch meetings to garner support for the \$5 million appropriation. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services announced this week that MIDOCS has been included in the House budget at the \$5 million GF level. We expect to hear from the corresponding Senate subcommittee next week.

While the funding is necessary for MIDOCS to move forward, there is a tremendous amount of work ahead to make MIDOCS a reality. The biggest initial hurdle will be getting approval from CMS for the matching program. We will need to work closely with the Michigan Medicaid office to develop a plan of action and to execute. Thereafter, the next significant hurdle will be getting ACGME approval for expanding residency programs to host the MIDOCS students, as well as coordinate new training sites at FQHC's and other community-based settings. While many challenges lie ahead, it is a great cause to fight for and will impact many Michiganders for generations to come.

#### Lycaki-Young Fund

The Lycaki-Young fund was first introduced in the mid 1990's. Since that time, WSU has received more than \$100 million in state funds to support care for the mentally ill and those affected by substance abuse. WSU has been a leader in providing critically important services to those affected in Wayne County and beyond. For example, we host one of the largest methadone clinics in the country.

Seven years ago, Governor Snyder introduced a state budget that completely eliminated the Lycaki Young Fund. Due to strong support from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as well as a concerted effort to educate the Governor's office on the fund, we were able to save the fund from elimination. Each year since then, there have been efforts to cut the funds either by the executive branch or the legislature. We are proud to report that after 7 years of hard work, the Governor has included full funding of \$5.6 million for Lycaki Young in his FY19 budget recommendation without any cuts. This is the first time the Governor has included full funding in 4 years. We were also just informed that the House has also included full funding in their budget recommendation. We are still waiting on the Senate but this could be the first time in 7 years that there are no proposed cuts. We will keep the board informed.

#### Poison Control Center

WSU is partnered with DMC to run the state's poison control center for SE Michigan. Unfortunately, the DMC has failed to pay WSU for these services and has refused to execute a new contract. This has deeply concerned the state of Michigan. We are looking into alternative arrangements with the state to resolve this issue. During a recent meeting, the DMC has agreed to transfer the services to WSU. The state will provide us with nearly \$2-million of funding per year to take on these services.

WSU is vetting the opportunity aggressively, including identifying space. We hope to have our proposal completed by June.



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## OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

### Spirit of Community Awards

On March 29, 2018, the Division of Government and Affairs (DGCA) hosted the 2nd Annual Spirit of Community Awards Ceremony and Reception. This event is a collaboration between the Office of the Provost, Office of the President, Alumni Affairs, the Dean of Students' Office and DGCA.

This year's awards ceremony featured guest speaker, Dana Williams, Manager, Public Affairs, DTE Energy. Presenters and speakers from WSU included President M. Roy Wilson, Governor Kim Trent, Victor Green, Lila Asante-Appiah, Peter Caborn, David Strauss, Marquita Chamblee, and Michael Wright.

We received positive feedback from attendees, finalists and winners, who complimented the event program and reception. One finalist wrote the following in an email after the event:

"This was such a nice event. I was glad to see the President and cabinet members on stage with the message that community service is important. All the finalists were impressive; I heard several comments from the crowd afterward about how good it was to hear these positive real-life stories when in the world there seems to be so much bad news. The food was great too."

Below are the 2018 winners and the announcement videos that revealed them at the ceremony:

- Staff Engagement Award  
Joan Verla  
ArtCorpsDetroit, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts  
<https://youtu.be/0K8iT4GbC30>
- Faculty Engagement Award  
Tolulope Sonuyi  
Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine, WSU School of Medicine  
<https://youtu.be/b9LnxxsiQ8>
- Student Engagement Award  
Tannia Rodriguez-Valenzuela  
Senior, College of Engineering  
President, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers  
Founder, Timmy Global Health  
<https://youtu.be/qFVUYeUPWLs>
- Project Engagement Award  
Diabetes Education and Wellness (D.E.W.) Clinic  
Project Contact Person, Jennifer Mendez, Ph. D., Assistant Professor & Director, Co-Curricular Programs, WSU School of Medicine  
<https://youtu.be/o0mHEKGuc4E>

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- Inspire from Within Philanthropy Award

Patrick J. Gossman, Ph.D.  
Deputy CIO, Community, Research and Special Projects  
Executive Director, Community Telecommunications Network  
<https://youtu.be/bELIM5hZq80>

Event photos are posted in a Facebook album and can be viewed here <https://bit.ly/2q3mXFI>.

### Warrior Day 2018

On March 20, 2018, our office held the 2nd annual Warrior Day for students, faculty, staff, administrators and university leadership to travel to Lansing to meet in groups with the representative and/or senator from their home districts. Participants discussed pressing legislative issues affecting higher education and Wayne State. They also had the opportunity to hear presentations and updates from elected officials and other government administrators throughout the course of the day.

The four main talking points used were:

- Restore Wayne State's funding to the 2011 level
- Include graduate activity in the performance metrics
- Align Wayne State with similar Universities in the performance metrics
- Have an independent, third-party perform a study on the metrics.

Fifty-four student participants attended on behalf of WSU. Including staff, we had a total of 59 participants. Attendees were bused from campus to Lansing in the morning and returned to campus in the afternoon. Breakfast and lunch were provided. We once again hosted a lunch in the capitol, which was an opportunity for participants to chat with legislators and staff in an informal setting. Each school and college created a new and unique poster displaying their work and mission which was displayed in the Capitol Building.

We made two major additions to this year's Warrior Day activities. One addition is that we held two in-person training sessions for participants three weeks ahead of Warrior Day. Based on feedback from last year, there was a desire, especially among students, to be given more information and the opportunity to engage with the talking points earlier on.

The second addition was an enhanced social media presence. We worked with the Department of Marketing and Communications to develop a plan to reach further on social media. Emily Connelly, a student and intern from Marketing and Communications attended Warrior Day and helped us devise a plan for grassroots social media among attendees that day. Attached are the Instagram story stats for people who used the hashtag. The average impressions per post was 2,216. WSU was also active on Snapchat with views ranging from 30-50 per post with 5 posts.