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## **FEDERAL AFFAIRS**

### Washington Update

WSU submitted three (3) requests for congressionally directed spending (aka “earmarks”):

1. Support for establishing a School of Public Health
2. Support for a new facility for WDET
3. Support for a “plus up” for the REUSE program

DGCA is also in the process of hiring a new director of federal affairs and hopes to name someone to this position soon.

## **STATE AFFAIRS**

### Legislative & Budget Updates

Since the last Board of Governor’s meeting, the Democratically led Legislature has officially begun to pass its main legislative priorities, including Right-to-Work repeals, reinstating Prevailing Wage requirements, repealing now obsolete abortion provisions in state statute, expanding Elliot Larsen Civil Rights provisions, enacting senior and working family tax reforms, among others. With that in mind, the Legislature, however, is behind schedule in the budget process. The Legislature is normally passing its own Chamber budgets prior to the Legislative spring break. This term, both the House and Senate will be working on their respective budgets over the spring break.

As it relates the budget, the Division of Government and Community Affairs (DGCA) is taking a leading role in negotiations amongst the public universities and is seeking increased funding on an operational basis, as well as changes to the proposed Infrastructure, Technology, Equipment and Maintenance (ITEM) Fund to recognize the added value of R1 research institutions like Wayne State.

In addition to the advocacy in the Higher Education Budget, DGCA is seeking continued support of numerous DHHS budget items, including Lycaki-Young, Poison Control Center, MIDOCs, and Frontline Strong, as well as new budget asks for a School of Public Health and funding for Maternal Health (PRB state support).

DGCA is also working closely with various colleges, schools, and centers on their own priorities that expand beyond the main budget priorities for the University. DGCA is

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collaborating with the Levin Center, College of Nursing, and School of Social Work on their respective legislative priorities.

### Legislators and Other Elected Official Engagement

Since the last Board of Governor's meeting, the Division of Government and Community Affairs and its team has continued to engage statewide elected officials, legislators, department personnel, and key staff issues impacting Wayne State University. Below is a selected list of recent meetings in March:

- Governor Gretchen Whitmer
- Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks
- State Senator Sarah Anthony
- State Senator Sylvia Santana
- State Senator Rick Outman
- State Senator Thomas Albert
- State Senator Joe Bellino
- State Senator Kevin Hertel
- State Senator Sean McCann
- State Senator Jeff Irwin
- State Senator Mary Cavanaugh
- State Senator Darrin Camilleri
- State Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet
- State Senator Laurie Polehanki
- State Senator Stephanie Chang
- State Senator Veronica Klinefelt
- Speaker Joe Tate
- Majority Floor Leader Abraham Aiyash
- State Representative Angela Witwer
- State Representative Samantha Steckloff
- State Representative Christine Morse
- State Representative Ann Bollin
- State Representative Tom Kuhn
- State Representative Phil Green
- State Representative Regina Weiss
- State Representative Jason Morgan
- State Representative Natalie Price
- State Representative Felicia Brabec
- State Representative Graham Filler
- State Representative Donovan McKinney
- State Representative Julie Rogers
- State Representative Helena Scott
- State Representative Tyrone Carter
- State Representative Stephanie Young
- State Representative Mike McFall
- Governor's Education Liaison, Michelle Richard

### Legislation Update

WSU DGCA continues to monitor state legislation and regulations that could impact our students, our faculty, our community, and our ability to carry out our mission. When

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formulating a university position, we work with internal subject matter experts to both craft the best position and to provide feedback to legislators. Further, we work collaboratively with both our URC partners and all 15 public universities to leverage our collective positions and create favorable outcomes as often as possible. We are currently monitoring, and actively engaging, on several pieces of legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

**Senate Bill 32** (Santana) Amends the Wage & Fringe Benefits Act (Wage & Hour) to allow a law enforcement agency and law enforcement training academy to recoup the costs of training based on time served.

**Senate Bill 74** (Singh) Creates the “Higher Education Sexual Assault Prevention, Advocacy, and Resource Officer Act” to be housed within the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. – WSU Opposes on autonomy groups; Hearing likely in early April.

**Senate Bills 148** (Polehanki) & **149** (Hertel) Requires certain research facilities to offer certain laboratory animals for adoption before euthanization.

**Senate Bill 200** (McCann) Annual Appropriation bill for Higher Education (FY 23-24)

**Senate Bill 202** (McCann) Supplemental Appropriation bill for Higher Education (FY 23-24)

**HJR A** (Johnsen) is a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 5 and 6 of article VIII, to prohibit public universities from restricting or regulating the carrying of concealed pistols on university property except as authorized by law.

**House Bill 4017** (Witwer) School Aid Supplemental bill that could be used for Higher Education purposes, including modifications to the Michigan Achievement Scholarship.

**House Bill 4199** (Conlin) Expands Michigan National Guard tuition assistance program eligibility for spouses. Reported out of Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security without amendment.

**House Bills 4277 & 4278** (Paiz) Requires certain research facilities to offer certain laboratory animals for adoption before euthanization.

**House Bill 4304** (Steckloff) Annual Appropriation bill for Higher Education (FY 23-24)

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### Student Legislative Engagement

The Division of Government and Community Affairs partners with students, faculty and staff who have an interest in participating in the legislative process. Members of Science Policy Network-Detroit, a student group at WSU that aims to break down barriers between policy makers and researchers, has continued to work with our office to increase efforts in Lansing and Washington, D.C.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, DGCA along with the Michigan Hospital and Health Association hosted SciPol-Det in Lansing for a lobby day filled with many meetings and even recognition from the Speaker of the House, Joe Tate, during House session. The WSU DGCA team has also participated in an upcoming course to discuss how scientists can engage the public, including elected officials, on important research that impacts the state and public.

### Appointments

The Division of Government and Community Affairs monitors and engages in the Gubernatorial Appointment process to ensure that Warrior voices are at the tables where decisions are being made. Below is a list of recent appointments of Wayne State graduates:

*44th District Court:* Andrew Kowalkowski is currently an Administrative Law Examiner with the Michigan Department of State where he presides over administrative law hearings related to the regulatory authority of the Michigan Department of State. Before this, he was an associate attorney at The Barone Defense Firm and Pierce, Farrell, Tafelski and Wells PLC, and he also had his own general practice firm where he concentrated on criminal defense, drunk driving litigation, license restoration, implied consent, license appeals, and family law. Mr. Kowalkowski earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and juris doctorate from Wayne State University Law School.

*Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission:* Dr. Lyke Thompson, of Ann Arbor, is Director of the Center for Urban Studies, and professor in the department of political science at Wayne State University. He has a B.A. in Journalism, M.A. in Urban Studies, and a Ph.D., in Urban Studies, Administration from the University of Texas, Arlington. Mr. Thompson is reappointed to represent the research and technology community for a term commencing February 23, 2023 and expiring December 15, 2026.

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*Michigan Infrastructure Council:* Ms. Kathleen Lomako, of Livonia, is the former Executive Director at Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. She holds a master's degree in urban planning from Wayne State University, and a Bachelor of Science in urban planning from Michigan State University. Ms. Lomako is appointed for a term commencing February 21, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025. She succeeds Jon Kangas whose term has expired.

*Public Health Advisory Council:* Mr. Eric Adelman of Farmington Hills, is Executive VP and Chief Advancement Officer at Geshar Human Services, a nonprofit human services organization in Southfield, MI. He received a bachelor's degree in Judaic Studies, along with a minor in psychology, from George Washington University and a Master of Public Administration from Wayne State University. Mr. Adelman is reappointed to represent the general public for a term commencing February 21, 2023 and expiring November 1, 2026.

*Public Health Advisory Council:* Mr. William J. Bohlen, of Prudenville, is the Director of Bay County Department of Water and Sewer. Prior to this, he was the Director of Public Works for the City of Rochester. He has an Associates of Applied Science in Civil Engineering Technology from Macomb Community College and a Bachelor of Independent Studies from Wayne State University. Mr. Bohlen is appointed to represent the local director of public works for a term commencing February 21, 2023 and expiring November 1, 2026. He succeeds James Baker whose term has expired.

*Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards:* Mr. Michael D. Wendling, of Port Huron, is the St. Clair County Prosecuting Attorney. He holds a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. Mr. Wendling is reappointed to represent the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, for a term commencing February 23, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2026.

*Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents:* Anupam Chugh Sidhu, of Canton, is currently the Secretary for Plymouth-Canton Community School Board of Education. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of School Boards. Previously, Sidhu was the Region 20 Director for the Regional Educational Media Center Association of Michigan, the Instructional Technology Manager for Wayne RESA, and a math teacher. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Secondary Teaching Certificate from

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Eastern Michigan University and her Master of Education in Instructional Technology from Wayne State University. Ms. Sidhu is appointed for a term commencing March 23, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2030. She succeeds Michelle Crumm whose term has expired.

*Black Leadership Advisory Council:* Donna L. Bell, of Southfield, is Executive Vice President of Product Creation, Engineering, and Supply Chain at Lordstown Motors. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Lawrence Technological University, Master of Science degrees in Electronics and Computer Control Systems and Engineering Management, and a PhD Industrial and Systems Engineering all from Wayne State University. Dr. Bell is reappointed to represent Black leadership in technology for a term commencing March 23, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2025.

*Black Leadership Advisory Council:* Seydi Sarr, of Detroit, is founder of the African Bureau for Immigration and Social Affairs. She graduated from the Wayne State University School of Social Work and Marygrove School of Social Justice. Mrs. Sarr is reappointed to represent Black leadership in education, and a member who is an immigrant or individual with expertise in immigration policy, for a term commencing March 23, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2025.

*Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect:* Kimberly Clemons, of Taylor, is a community education specialist for The Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services from Grace College and Theological Seminary. Mrs. Clemons is reappointed to represent adult former victims of child abuse and neglect, for a term commencing March 23, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2025.

*Board of Architects:* Jennifer R. Myers, of Troy, is the senior building infrastructure engineer at Oakland University. Myers is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professional in building design. Myers received her Bachelor and Master of Arts in architecture from Tulane University, and her master's in computational science and engineering from Wayne State University. Ms. Myers is reappointed to represent architects, for a term commencing April 1, 2023, and expiring March 31, 2027.

*Michigan Health Information Technology Commission:* Hana A. Alawy, of Allen Park, is a clinical pharmacist for St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Ms. Alawy is also a course facilitator of Pharmacotherapeutic Problem Solving at Eugene

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Applebaum College of Pharmacy. She has a Bachelor of Health Sciences and a Doctor of Pharmacy from Wayne State University College of Pharmacy. Ms. Alawy is appointed to represent pharmacists for a term commencing March 23, 2023, and expiring August 3, 2026. She succeeds Heather Somand.

## **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

The Division of Government and Community Affairs (DGCA) continues its work of initiating new and supporting existing WSU community engagement. Stacie Clayton, Community Affairs Director, provides leadership and internal support and guidance to the university's various colleges, schools and divisions on special events, programs, and other matters as needed.

### *Community and Government Engagement*

- Meetings with Wayne County and Macomb County Human Resources Directors and Dean Stephanie Hartwell and Kyu-Nahm Jun, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Political Science Department to recruit county employees to the MPA program
- Michigan Chronicle's Pancakes and Politics in March and April that provided an opportunity to meet key business and government stakeholders
- Quarterly meeting of the President's Community Advisory Group to provide a venue for community representatives to dialogue with President Wilson and receive updates on WSU initiatives
- The National Diversity Council's Women in Leadership Symposium
- The Wayne County State of the County Update
- The Urban League of Southeast Michigan's Distinguished Warrior Dinner where WSU Board Member, Governor Shirley Stancato was honored
- Alkebu-lan Village's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Strong Women Lead Luncheon and Meeting
- Women of Excellence 2023 Recognition Event
- Michigan Round Table for Diversity & Inclusion Community Event
- Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce Annual Event

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Women's History Month Event

DGCA, The Freer House and Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute presented, ***The Women of Ferry Street: Then and Now***, an event that highlighted the significant role historical White, Jewish and African-American women played in the arts and culture; early childhood learning; and business, social life, leadership and adult education on Ferry Street and how modern-day women are inspired by them and continue their legacy. Honorees for 2023 were Jacqueline Wilson, Ann Nicholson, Nancy Tellem, Dr. Geneva Williams, Carla Walker-Miller and Sue Mosey. WSU Governor Danielle Atkinson provided remarks on the importance of Women's History Month. Approximately 70 guests attended the theater-seating style event in the Freer House Hoobler Room and a reception across the street at BasBlue followed.

Other Activity

Stacie Clayton continues to serve on various university and external groups such as the DEI Council, C.H.E.C.K.U.P. Advisory Board, Detroit Promise Zone Authority Board and the Woodbridge Neighborhood Development Board.