



Legislative Report

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1. History: CFR (Council of Faculty Representatives) was established in 1971 through Faculty Senate chairpersons and other faculty members of the two research universities of UW and WSU, together with the four four-year regional colleges (<http://www.cfr-washington.org/default.html>). CFR has since provided service to Washington State's public institutions in offering the most current, accurate, and complete perspective of our 6,000+ faculty.
2. The way we work:
 - (1) We strive to transcend individual institutional agendas to address the statewide higher education needs, and to find a single voice among the six institutions. We follow the "five-out-of-six votes" policy when signing in/testifying as CFR
 - (2) Before each legislative session, we create a legislative agenda in working and consultation with the ICLO's (Intercollegiate Legislative Officers), COP (Council of the Presidents), and WSAC (Washington Students Achievement Council)
 - (3) During session, we
 - (i) Attend House and Senate Higher Education committees' meetings and hearings
 - (ii) Take position on relevant bills by signing in (Pro, Con, with concern) and testifying upon consultation with each individual institution, its Faculty Senate and upper administration, and after CFR voting
 - (iii) Meet with legislators (Higher Ed Committee chairs and vice chairs, Minority Ranking members, and leaders of other important committees, such as Ways and Means, Appropriation, Finance, Rules)
 - (iv) Communicate and work closely with COP and ICLO's as well as WSA (Washington Student Association)
 - (v) Assist and work with individual institution to nominate and select Ormsby Awardee (WSU has been exemplary in timely submitting the nominations! Kudos Cougs!)
 - (4) After session, we hold a (i) CFR meeting recapping the session and making plans for the next session, and (ii) Retreat for key legislators, Faculty Senate/Union leaders, and others (COP and ICLO representatives)
 - (5) Shortly before session, we follow up with the legislators, COP, and ICLO's and revisit the bill(s) worked on through the summer. This year, we are to focus on the BOR (adding a voting faculty member to the Board of Regents/Trustees) and Work-Study issues
3. Important Higher Ed Bills this year, OER (WSU Pro), Academic Bill of Rights (WSU/CFR against), Higher Ed efficiency (WSU Pro), Washington Promise (CFR against), Free-to-Finish (CFR Pro)

4. COP bill tracker provides the latest status of Higher Ed bills (<http://www.councilofpresidents.org/billtracker.htm>). Note, the House Higher Ed. committee executed its final batch of bills yesterday, which should be reflected in the COP bill tracker today
5. Both House and Senate have posted the Supplemental budget proposals (<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/2016/ho2016p.asp>, <http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/2016/so2016p.asp>)