The position: The purpose of CFR (Council of Faculty Representatives) is to serve as the outlet for faculty from all of Washington’s public baccalaureate institutions to have a statewide voice on issues of higher education. As co-Chair\(^1\) of CFR and the member from WSU, this person will work with CFR, WSU Faculty Senate, and other partners to monitor relevant internal and external events and identify current and emerging patterns, trends, and expectations for informed legislation.

Hours spent: The legislative session is long (105 days) in odd years and short (60 days) in even years, but special sessions beyond the cutoff days are not uncommon. During the session, the representative travels to Olympia two to three days per week attending Higher Education meetings and hearings at both chambers, meeting with representatives of other institutions, legislators, and COP and WSAC staff, and hosting two lunch meetings, one with COP and the other with students. In addition, much time is spent on communicating with other CFR members by email. Special events: meetings with WSAC staff twice a year on average and CFR retreat (typically in early June), which involves faculty senate leaders from the six 4-year institutions. During pre-session representatives regroup and develop the CFR legislative agenda. The legislative representative also communicates regularly with the Faculty Senate executive to acquaint leadership with developments going on in the legislature. Once or twice a year the legislative representative speaks at a meeting of the Faculty Senate or Steering Committee for the same purpose.

Buy-out: The plan and budget were first created by Dr. Robby Rosenman, former Senate chair and WSU faculty legislative representative. Normally, the senate (via the Provost’s Office) compensates for three months of time and covers the regular travel expenses.

Budget submission and approval: Each fall, the budget is revised for the forthcoming session and submitted to the Provost’s Office.

Chris Mulick, the WSU State Government Relations office director, together with the staff of the office have been crucially resourceful in the past. The faculty members who are interested in the position are most welcome to contact Joan Wu, the current representative (jwu@wsu.edu), and should not hesitate to contact Chris (chris.mulick@wsu.edu), should she/he have any questions.

\(^1\) By CFR Constitution, two co-Chairs are elected for a term of two years, one from the four comprehensive institutions (WWU, The Evergreen State College, CWU, and EWU) and the other from the two research universities (UW, WSU).