

EWU expands opportunities for personal transformation through excellence in learning.

EWU 2016 SUPPLEMENTAL SESSION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Priority 1: Tuition Backfill

As a result of the new and more accurate enrollment calculation created under the Technical Tuition Workgroup, EWU asks for \$1.3 million to backfill revenue decreases resulting from the College Affordability Program.

Priority 2: Interdisciplinary Science Building

Eastern appreciates the investment of \$4.8 million for design of the interdisciplinary science center. We look forward to the 2017-2019 budget where we will request \$75 million in build funds to break ground and complete the project.

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EWU COMMITMENTS

Commitment to Affordability, Debt Reduction, and Scholarship Support: With an unprecedented reduction in tuition, EWU remains the most affordable public university in the state. In July 2015, President Cullinan launched EWU's student scholarship campaign, Inspire Awesome. By December 2015, EWU had raised \$1.1 million in scholarship funding.

Commitment to Student Success: EWU is focused on student retention and graduation, including highly effective advising, three-year degree options, a powerful First-Year Experience, degree programs tailored for today's workforce, and increased scholarship support. In spring 2015, EWU was awarded the Big Sky President's Cup, named best in the conference for its teams' overall athletic success combined with grade point averages and academic progress rates.

Commitment to Diversity: In fall 2015, Eastern welcomed a record 1,711 freshmen, surpassing the former record by more than 100 students. Of those first-year students, 34 percent come from diverse backgrounds. In the overall EWU student body, 29 percent are from diverse or underrepresented groups and nearly half will be the first in their family to receive a degree.