New Science Building Tops Legislative Requests

Weber State University hopes to begin drafting blueprints for a new science building shortly after the 2013 Utah legislative session ends in March.

Governor Gary Herbert is recommending $4 million to launch the design phase—a modern, cutting-edge science building Weber State University hopes to begin building. The new Science Building will attract both high school seniors and adults already in the workforce. “More students with degrees will assist in the goal of having 66 percent of Utahns with a postsecondary degree or certificate by 2020, an objective set by the Board of Regents and the governor,” Mortensen said.

The total project budget is $65 million. Thanks to donor pledges of $5 million, WSU is seeking $60 million from the Legislature. If the Legislature fails short of funding the full amount, the remaining sum would be sought in a subsequent legislative session. Herbert’s $4 million recommendation would allow the necessary design work to begin. “The most important thing at this point is to get the project started,” Mortensen said. “As long as we at least get design funding, we can expect to open the doors for students as early as fall 2016.”

In addition to replacing the science building, WSU is also asking the Legislature for faculty and staff compensation, expanded capacity in degree programs, additional faculty and advisor positions to accommodate student growth, additional student financial aid, and operations and maintenance funding for campus buildings.

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Q & A With President Chuck Wight

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Purple Capitol

Alumni, faculty, staff and students are encouraged to wear wildcat purple and spend time with legislators at the annual WSU Day at the Capitol, Feb. 7. The crowd will raise awareness of the university and its accomplishments by interacting with legislators and sharing some 40 posters depicting research, creative works and community-based learning projects. Call Margie Esquibel to reserve your seat on the bus: 801-626-7532 or mesquibel@weber.edu.

Marketing professors Anthony Allred and E.K. Valentín surveyed 317 people throughout Northern Utah for their “Giving and Getting Gift Cards” research recently published in the Journal of Consumer Marketing. The research focused on whether recipients considered gift cards the money as a board member, past board chair and longtime volunteer. Assistant professor of criminal justice Bradford Royes published “Protection Against Pursuit: Similarities and Differences From a National Sample of Stalking and Cyberstalking Victims” in Justice Quarterly. It is the first study using national samples of two crimes to examine victims’ experiences and the measures they take to protect themselves.

Former Dean of the College of Applied Science & Technology, Warren Hill, has been named as one of the newest Fellows of ABET. ABET is the recognized accreditor for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. The Fellow of ABET Award is presented annually to individuals who have provided sustained quality service to ABET-related education and professions.

New SIL Director

When you put students in a leadership laboratory, their reactions are sometimes unpredictable, occasionally combustible and always exciting.

Allison Dunn, the new director of Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL), knows about reactions. She has a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Brigham Young University and a master of science in sociology with an emphasis in ethnic studies from Texas A&M University. Previous to her selection at WSU, Dunn had been the assistant director for Curricular Leadership Programs at Virginia Tech.

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Values having fun.

Tulum, Mexico

Traveling with [my wife] Victoria.

Q. Last movie you saw in the theater?

Q. Last book you read?

Salvatore Montalbano. Deeply flawed, but pragmatic,

Q. Favorite fictional character?

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Fawcett Named WSU’s First Endowed Chair

With an eye toward building a globally recognized Supply Chain Management program, WSU named Stanley Fawcett to the John B. Goddard Endowed Chair in Global Supply Chain Management.

Fawcett is the first professor at WSU to hold the title of endowed chair, an elite position that recognizes outstanding teaching and scholarly excellence.

Athletes’ Concussions Studied at Dew Tour

Athletic training faculty and students spent a week at the Winter Dew Tour in Colorado monitoring crashes, wipeouts and wrecks. Under the direction of assistant professors Matt Donahue and Jordan Hamson-Ully, students used helmet sensors, video monitors and blood draws to gather novel research on concussions related to extreme snow sports. The findings will contribute to a four-year longitudinal study investigating overall brain health in college athletes.

‘Charm’ Wins Regional Competition

The Department of Performing Art’s fall production of Charm is heading to Los Angeles to compete in the American College Theatre Festival Region VII Competition, Feb. 15. The play written by Kathleen Cahill and directed by professor of performing arts Tracy Callahan tells the story of Margaret Fuller (1810-1850) a writer at the center of the American Transcendentalist Movement and the avant-garde of feminism. Two fundraising performances are scheduled Jan. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Val A. Browning Eccles Theatre. Tickets/information: 1-800-WSU-TIKS or webesticketstickets.com.

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Day of Service Approved

In November the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a proposal that allows benefit-eligible employees up to eight hours of leave each year to perform voluntary community service. The leave will be granted only for university-wide days of service organized by the Community Involvement Center. Such days include WSU’s Day of Remembrance better known as Homecoming, Martin Luther King Jr. Week in January and Make a Difference Day in May. Such days of service may change over time. President Millner reported that the idea was generated by staff and allows employees the opportunity to serve.

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