

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 103,198,763	\$ 612,898,889	\$ 716,097,652	2,509.0	
FY 2024 Actual	115,273,639	694,185,694	809,459,333	2,718.8	
FY 2025 Actual	120,159,094	846,909,362	967,068,456	2,908.1	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 129,847,367	\$ 685,375,772	\$ 815,223,139	2,718.9	
Agency Revised Estimate	137,751,184	906,332,731	1,044,083,915	2,740.8	
Special Committee on the State Budget	134,398,582	906,332,731	1,040,731,313	2,718.9	
House Appropriations	137,751,184	906,332,731	1,044,083,915	2,718.9	
Senate Ways and Means	134,398,582	906,332,731	1,040,731,313	2,718.9	
Conference Committee*	-	-	-	-	
Governor's Recommendation	137,751,184	906,332,731	1,044,083,915	2,740.8	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments**	\$ 115,089,760	\$ 651,436,650	\$ 766,526,410	2,718.9	
Agency Request	115,681,282	718,408,691	834,089,973	2,740.8	
Special Committee on the State Budget	115,681,282	718,408,691	834,089,973	2,718.9	
House Appropriations	116,627,908	718,408,691	835,036,599	2,718.9	
Senate Ways and Means	120,681,282	718,408,691	839,089,973	2,718.9	
Conference Committee*	-	-	-	-	
Governor's Recommendation	115,681,282	718,408,691	834,089,973	2,740.8	

* Note : This committee has not taken action on this agency's budget yet.

** Note : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison. For this agency, these adjustments include funding for aviation research (\$5.0 million) and capital improvements (\$31.2 million).

Wichita State University (WSU) was established as Fairmount College and was operated by the Congregational Church from 1895 to 1926. In 1926, it became a municipal university under the jurisdiction of the City of Wichita. Since July 1, 1964, the institution has been a part of the state Regents system of higher education under the auspices of the Kansas Board of Regents. As a metropolitan university located in the state's largest urban area, the University serves many nontraditional students. WSU has two distinct student bodies: one is composed of traditional students ages 18 to 23 who devote themselves full-time to school and campus activities, and the other is composed of older students who work on a part-time or full-time basis while in school.

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026				
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 129,847,367	\$ 685,375,772	\$ 815,223,139	2,718.9
Agency Revised Estimate	137,751,184	906,332,731	1,044,083,915	2,740.8
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)				
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ (3,352,602)	\$ -	\$ (3,352,602)	(21.9)
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 134,398,582	\$ 906,332,731	\$ 1,040,731,313	2,718.9
House Committees				
Higher Education Budget Appropriations Committee of the Whole*	\$ 3,352,602	\$ -	\$ 3,352,602	-
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ 3,352,602	\$ -	\$ 3,352,602	-
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 137,751,184	\$ 906,332,731	\$ 1,044,083,915	2,718.9
Senate Committees				
Ways and Means [Higher Education] Ways and Means Committee of the Whole*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 134,398,582	\$ 906,332,731	\$ 1,040,731,313	2,718.9
Legislative Approved				
Conference Committee Governor's Vetoes Veto Overrides	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 134,398,582	\$ 906,332,731	\$ 1,040,731,313	2,718.9

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Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$1.0 billion, including \$137.8 million SGF, in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$228.8 million, including \$7.9 million SGF, and an increase of 21.9 FTE positions compared to the amount approved for FY 2026 by the 2025 Legislature with reappropriations. The increase is primarily due to funding for the WSU / KU Biomedical Center, including \$102.9 million ARPA and \$30.0 million in Health Collaboration Fund moneys. Additionally, the agency received a transfer of \$6.5 million SGF from KU for the project. The increase is also attributable to increased federal funding associated with large research awards and transfers from the Kansas Board of Regents of \$6.4 million Educational Building Fund (EBF) and \$3.0 million for the Kansas Campus Restoration Act.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026 with the following adjustment:

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1. Delete \$3.4 million SGF to not reappropriate funding for ongoing projects, including cybersecurity and IT, aviation research, and business partnerships and applied learning in FY 2026.
2. Delete 21.9 FTE positions, primarily for the research program, in FY 2026.

House Committees

House Committee on Higher Education Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$3.4 million SGF to reappropriate funding for ongoing projects, including cybersecurity and IT, aviation research, and business partnerships and applied learning in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Ways and Means – Higher Education Subcommittee

The **Senate Subcommittee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Committee** concurs with the Subcommittee's recommendation in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027				
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments**	\$ 115,089,760	\$ 651,436,650	\$ 766,526,410	2,718.9
Agency Request	115,681,282	718,408,691	834,089,973	2,740.8
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)				
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(21.9)
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 115,681,282	\$ 718,408,691	\$ 834,089,973	2,718.9
House Committees				
Higher Education Budget Appropriations	\$ 946,626	\$ -	\$ 946,626	-
Committee of the Whole*	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ 946,626	\$ -	\$ 946,626	-
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 116,627,908	\$ 718,408,691	\$ 835,036,599	2,718.9
Senate Committees				
Ways and Means [Higher Education]	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	-
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole*	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	-
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 120,681,282	\$ 718,408,691	\$ 839,089,973	2,718.9
Legislative Approved				
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 120,681,282	\$ 718,408,691	\$ 839,089,973	2,718.9

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Agency

The **agency** requests \$834.1 million, including \$115.7 million SGF, and 2,740.8 FTE positions for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$67.6 million, including \$591,522 SGF, and 21.9 FTE positions compared to the FY 2026 amount approved with adjustments. The increase is primarily a continuation of the federal research awards identified in FY 2026.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027 with the following adjustment:

1. Delete 21.9 FTE positions, primarily for the research program, for FY 2027.

House Committees

House Committee on Higher Education Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$5.0 million SGF for ongoing funding for aviation research and add language requiring a report for FY 2027.
2. Delete \$2.1 million SGF for a 2.5 percent reduction in the agency's operations account for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

The **House Committee** made the following recommendation for FY 2028:

1. Add \$7.0 million SGF to continue funding the digital transformation program and add language to change the name to the military sustainment program for FY 2028. (Note: The original state appropriation will sunset after FY 2027.)

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Ways and Means – Higher Education Subcommittee

The **Senate Subcommittee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$5.0 million SGF for ongoing funding for aviation research and add language requiring a report for FY 2027.
2. Add language indicating legislative intent for the \$7.0 million for the digital transformation program that expires in FY 2027 to become ongoing funding beginning for FY 2028.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Committee** concurs with the Subcommittee's recommendation for FY 2027.