

Spring Budget Forum

May 29, 2025

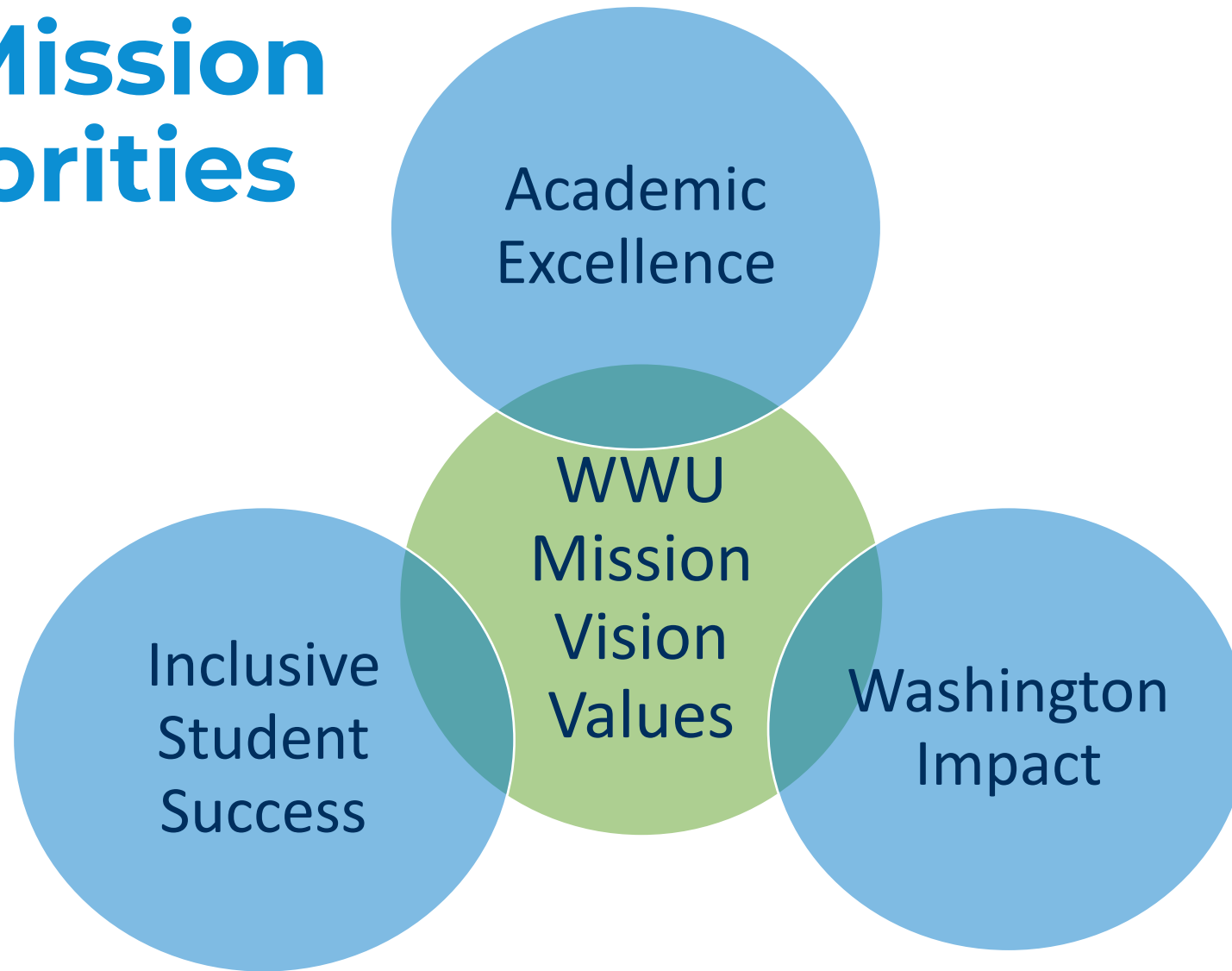


Today's Topics

- Introduction
- Representative Gerry Pollet
- State Biennium Budget Update: 2025-2027 Outcomes
- Budget Review: Challenges Faced & Progress Made
- Fiscal Year 2025-2027 Budget Strategies



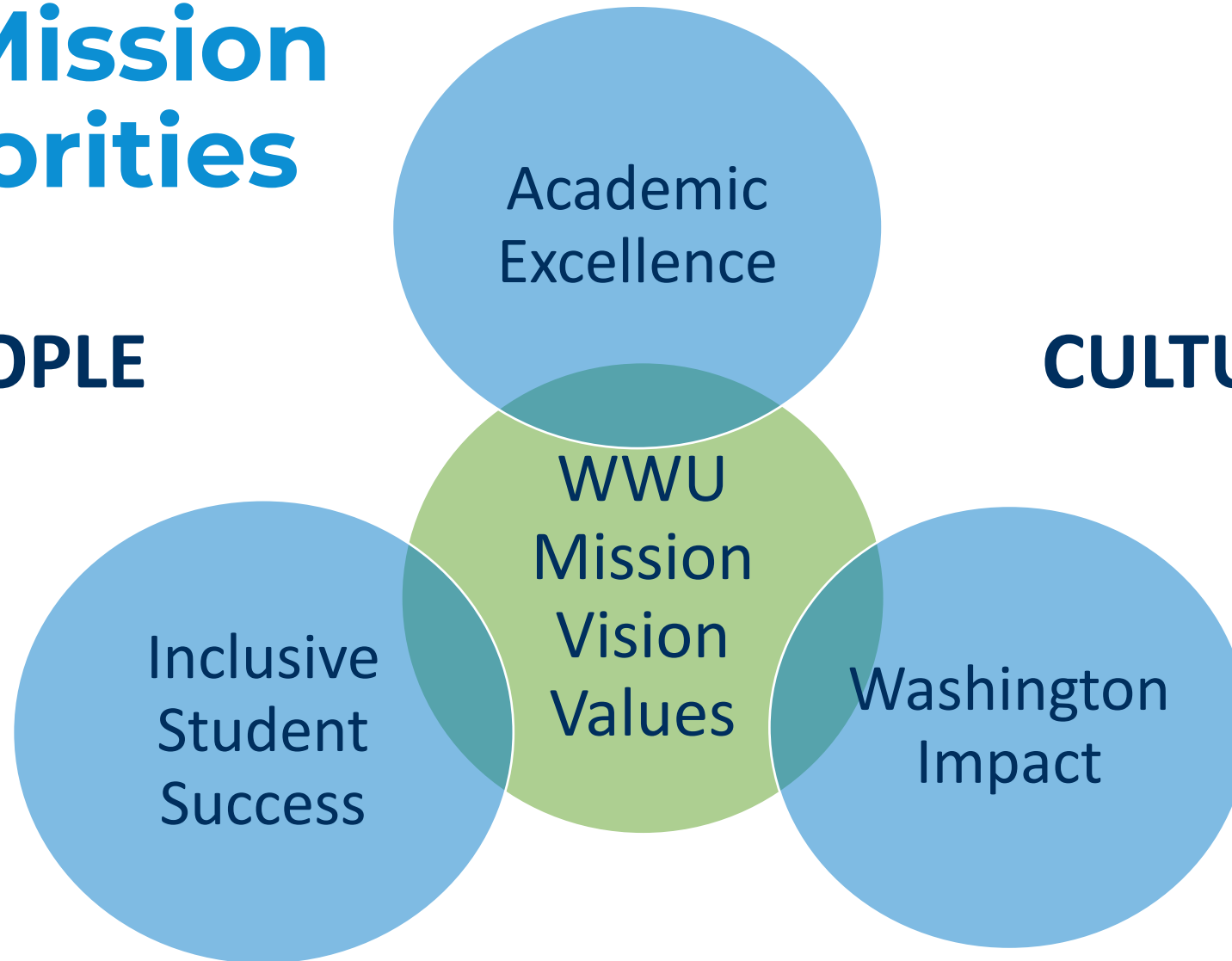
WWU Mission and Priorities



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PEOPLE

CULTURE



FINANCES



View from Olympia

Representative Gerry Pollet

2025-27 State Appropriation Impact

Operating Appropriations	Annual Amount
Higher ed reductions	-\$1.8 M
Impact of fund split at 51%	-\$6.6 M
Total Impact	-\$8.4 M

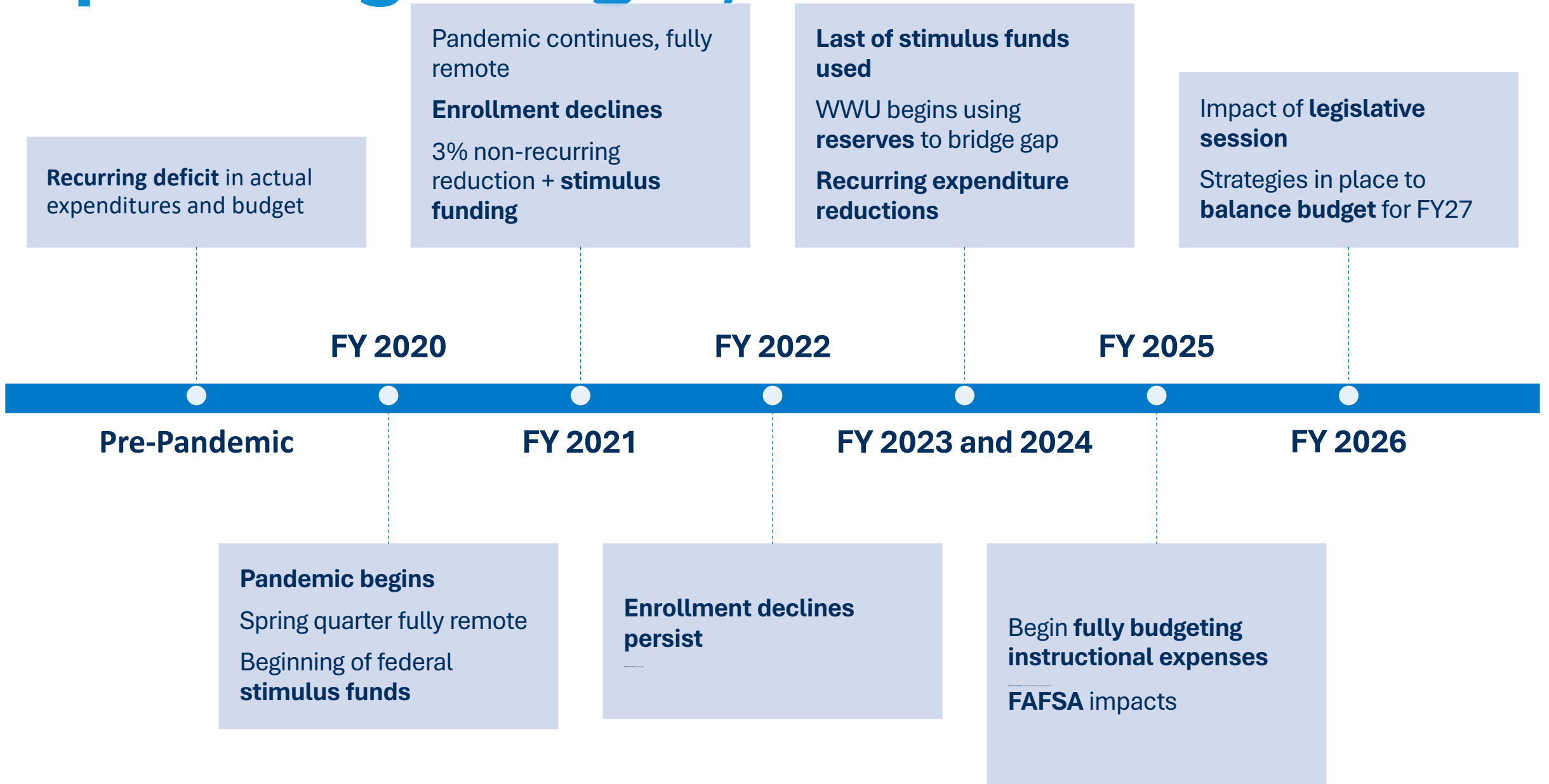
One-time legislative priorities (one-time) \$0.5 M



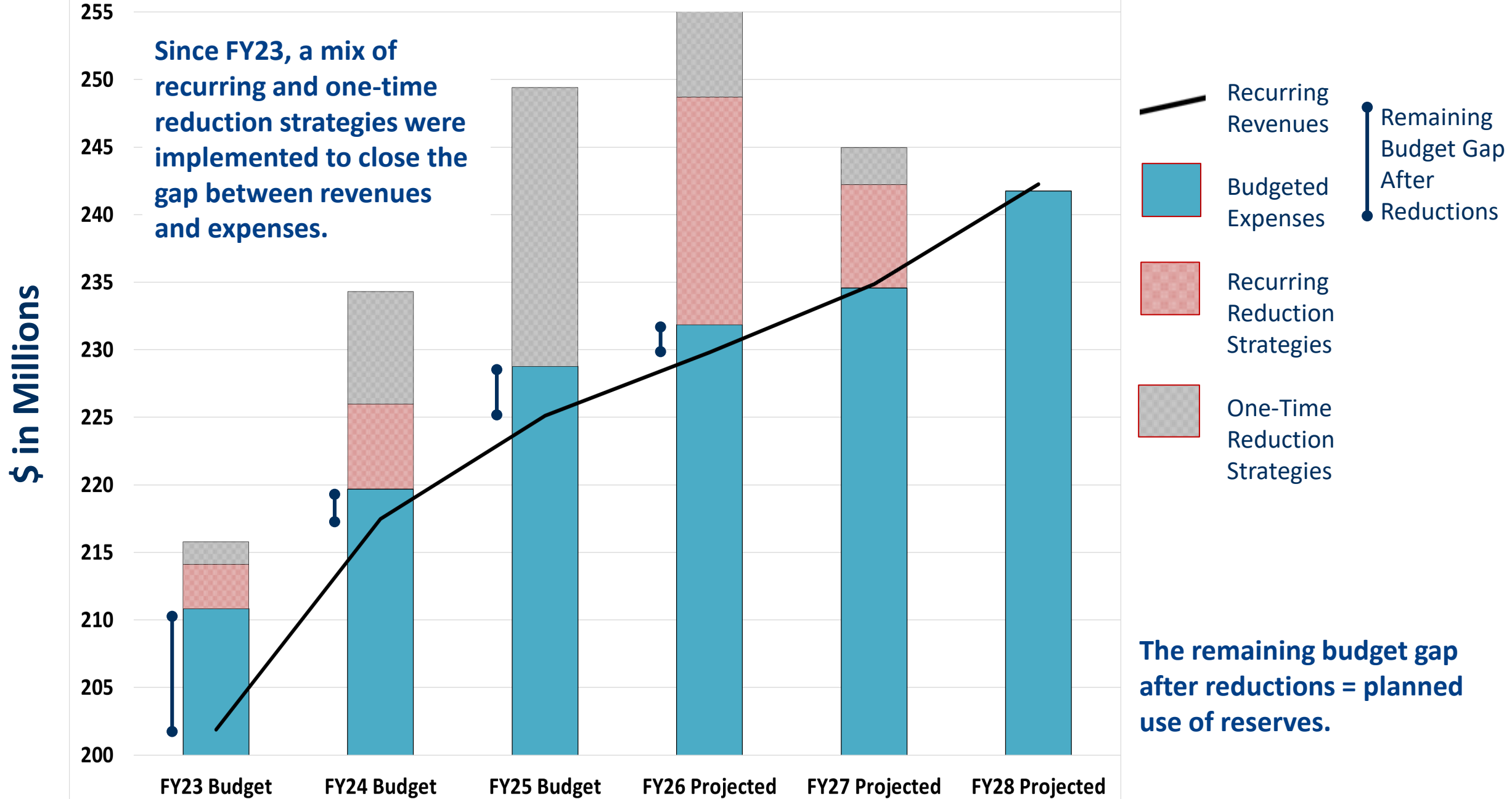
The State's Biennial 2025-2027 Budget in Context

Where this session's impacts fit in WWU's budget picture, challenges faced, and progress made

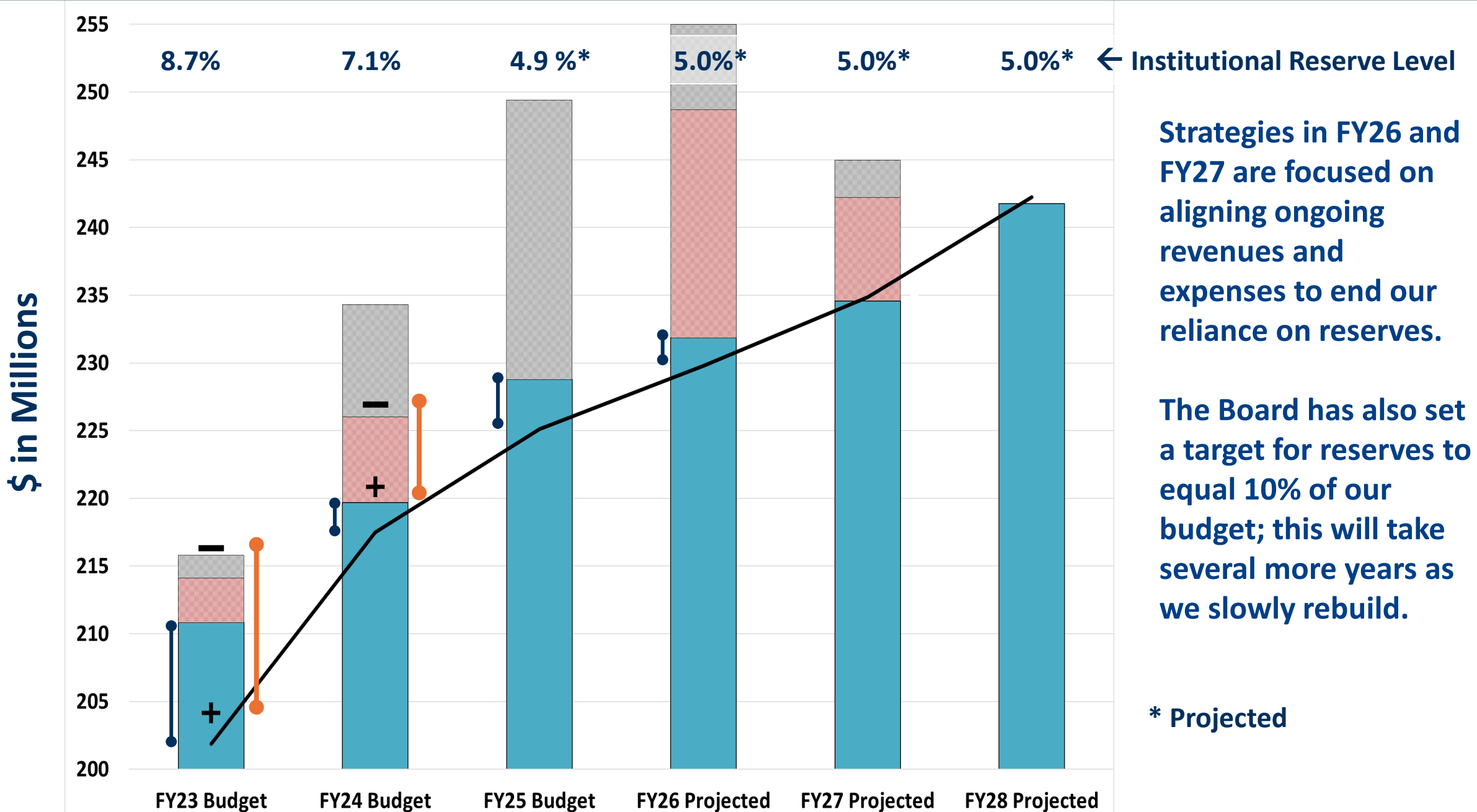
Operating Budget, How We Got Here



Cumulative Reductions to Close Budget Gap



Reserve Level is Maintained at 5% by FY28



Thank You

- Work sessions with deans and divisional leadership teams
- Processes within colleges
- Provost's listening sessions
- Innovation sessions
- Town halls
- Suggestions shared from employees




Recurring Reductions Identified (FY25-FY27)

Recurring gap identified in FY25: \$18 million

Recurring reductions implemented in FY25: -\$6.9m

- Consolidating divisions -\$0.5m
- Course scheduling -\$0.5m
- Position reductions -\$5.9m



\$13 million
identified or
implemented

Additional reductions identified (to be implemented): -\$6.1 million

- Parallel structures/scheduling -\$1.5m
- Goods and services reductions -\$2.2m
- Faculty retirement -\$2.0m (effective FY27)
- Alternative revenues -\$0.4m

Remaining gap from FY25 planning: \$5.0 million

**FY26 Budget
Development:
Legislature
Increases
Remaining Deficit
by \$8.4 Million
(to \$13.4 million)**

The state budget increased WWU's projected deficit by \$8.4 million.

- Authorized collective bargaining agreements and a 3%/2% compensation increase for non-represented employees
- Reduced fund split for compensation & central services from 70% to 51%
- 1.5% recurring reduction

Remaining gap from FY25 planning: \$5.0 million

+ Impacts from Legislative Session: \$8.4 million

New gap for FY26-27 planning: \$13.4 million recurring

Additional Reductions Considered (FY25-FY27)

New gap for FY26-27: \$13.4 million recurring

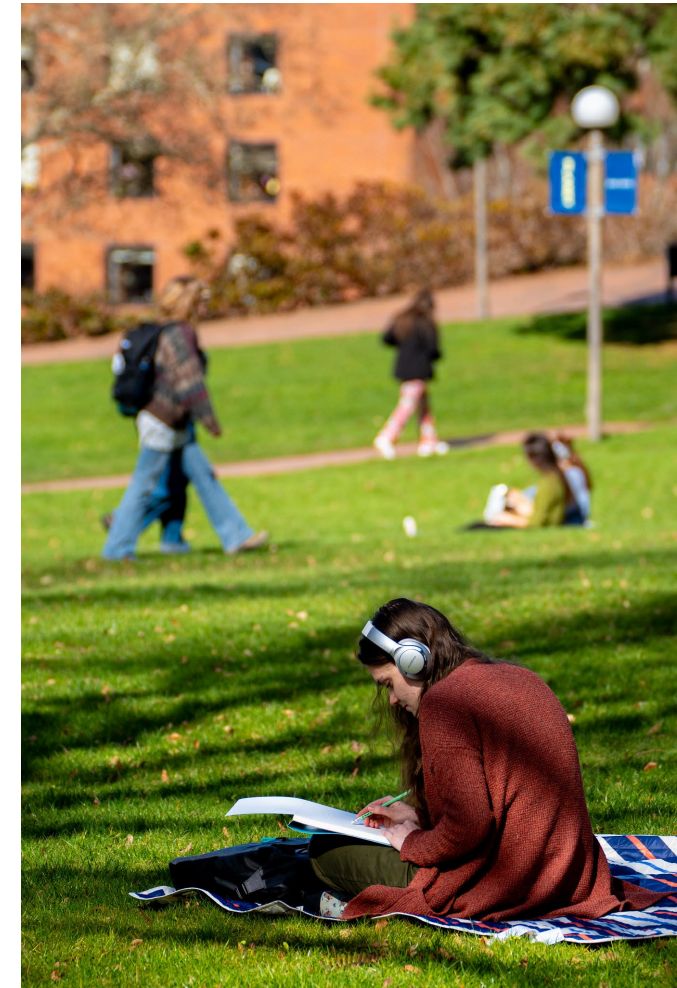
Recurring reductions in consideration for FY26-27:

-\$13.4 million

- *Position eliminations and administrative reorganizations*
- *Academic Affairs base reductions (effective FY27)*
- *Central rate adjustments (state-initiated)*
- *Consolidating support for WWU locations*
- *Appointment reductions or other reductions as needed**

Continuing one-time strategies will also be necessary in FY26-FY27 until reductions can be fully implemented & savings realized.

*Details will be determined in consultation with bargaining partners, if needed.



Looking Ahead

- Continuing our focus on serving the needs of Washington and our students with strong focus on enrollment, retention and student outcomes.
- Implementing these strategies put us on sustainable budget pathway by the end of next academic year, having successfully eliminated the structural deficit.
- Continue to assess the impacts of headwinds and mitigation strategies to address uncertainties.



Questions





Thank You