

William Mai



Economic Advisor and Legislative Liaison for Governor Matt Mead

Consultant to Office of Governor, Cheyenne, WY

September 2018 – January 2019

Met directly with Governor Mead to provide economic and fiscal analysis and interpretation of emerging developments in Wyoming. Served as liaison between the Governor's Office, the Wyoming Legislature and the Economic Analysis Division to communicate and coordinate fiscal policies.

- Collaborated on strategic priorities with other key advisors including the Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, State Planning Coordinator and the governor's cabinet of directors of state agencies
- Met with state legislators and Wyoming's congressional delegation on the governor's behalf to discuss policy priorities
- Worked with state agency directors to develop their budget priorities, and advised the governor on developing issues for consideration in his proposed biennial budget
- Served as co-chairman of the state's Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG), a team charged with forecasting on a bi-annual basis the state's approximately \$3.5 billion in revenue and earnings to the Wyoming General Fund. The CREG team consists of economists and advisors from the Legislative Service Office, executive branch, treasurer's office, regulatory agencies and the University of Wyoming, who project severance tax income from minerals extraction, state lands use, federal mineral royalties, sales and property taxes and investment earnings. In addition to running the meetings to bring the group to a consensus, the co-chairmen draft the group's report, which is used by the governor and legislators in determining the state's next biennial budget.

Vice President for Finance and Administration

University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

October 2013 – (retired) July 2018

Served as the University's chief financial and operating officer. Responsible for the management and direction of the financial, operational, and administrative services of the University of Wyoming and served as the Deputy Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Provided oversight to support and enhance the academic, research, Extension, and service missions of the University.

Direct responsibilities included Financial Services (budget planning, accounting, investments, and taxes), Human Resources, University Operations (construction and planning, engineering, utilities, safety, real estate, facilities management, and auxiliary services), and Public Safety. Responsible for more than 380 staff in the Division of Finance and Administration; managed an operational budget of \$205.5 million; and oversaw 832 acres on the Laramie campus, 188 facilities representing 7.2 million square feet, and additional property located throughout the state.

Collaborated with other University leaders in developing and executing a broad vision and strategic plan. Worked closely with the University's Board of Trustees, state of Wyoming officials, and representatives of other internal and external constituencies and represented the University in matters of strategic importance to UW.

Played a vital leadership role on campus:

- Oversaw \$357M of new construction and remodeling on campus including construction of the Enzi STEM undergraduate teaching laboratory, College of Engineering building, High Bay Research Facility, Rochelle Athletic Center High Altitude Performance Center, and major renovation of the Arena Auditorium, Wyoming State Vet Lab, Half Acre Gym and Performing Arts Center.
- Identified the need for, obtained funds for and launched a cutting-edge, cloud-based financial/budget and capital management system (WyoCloud) to make business operations and data highly accessible campus-wide.
- Reorganized Physical Plant and Facilities Planning Office to better align construction and maintenance across the University.

Chief Economic Advisor and Legislative Liaison

Office of Governor Matt Mead, Cheyenne, WY

July 2012 – October 2013

Planned, developed and coordinated economic and fiscal analysis for Governor Mead, including analysis and interpretation of emerging developments in Wyoming. Served as liaison between the Governor's Office, the Wyoming Legislature and the Economic Analysis Division to communicate and coordinate fiscal policies. Collaborated on strategic priorities with other key advisors and met with state leaders on the governor's behalf to discuss policy priorities. Worked with state agency directors to develop their budget priorities and advised the governor on developing issues for consideration in his proposed biennial budget.

- Developed plan for revising state revenue flows in times of economic constraints that was implemented by the Legislature in 2013
- Oversaw the restructuring and alignment of the state's Economic Analysis Division and Budget Office
- Represented the governor on a committee assembled by the State Treasurer to select investment firms to manage Wyoming Permanent Mineral Trust Funds

Administrator Economic Analysis Division

Wyoming Department of Administration and Information, Cheyenne, WY

July 2012 – October 2013

Led a team of six economists to research and provide analysis on key state budget and fiscal issues. Took complex economic information and made it accessible and understandable for state leaders, state agency directors and the public.

- Served as co-chairman of the state's Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG)
- Restructured job duties within the office based on staff skills, experience and interests
- Eliminated outdated reports, created new on-going research and revised projects to better anticipate emerging needs

Manager Budget/Fiscal Division,

Wyoming Legislative Service Office, Cheyenne, WY

January 2009-June 2012

Managed a team of four nonpartisan economists to advise 90 state legislators on the budgetary and fiscal impacts of proposed legislation. Provided analysis throughout the year and during the legislative session.

- Served as co-chairman of the CREG, representing the Legislature
- Converted the computer system used by both the legislative and executive branches for producing and tracking the state's budget
- Helped guide funding decisions on all state funds, community colleges, University of Wyoming and economic development agencies as lead staff to the Wyoming Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee
- Hired and trained two economists for the Budget/Fiscal team

**Senior Legislative Analyst Budget/Fiscal Division,
Legislative Service Office, Cheyenne, WY**

June 1997-December 2008

- Drafted legislation, amendments and statements of fiscal impact, and staffed the State Senate during the legislative session to provide quick turn-around analysis on fiscal matters
- Prepared biennial General Fund budget analysis for legislative review based on recommendations from the Joint Appropriations Committee, and managed research studies between sessions
- Worked with state agency budget officers to determine impacts of proposed legislation
- Developed a computerized tracking system for management and reporting of executive branch interim fiscal adjustments

**Legislative Analyst and Associate Legislative Analyst Budget/Fiscal Division,
Legislative Service Office, Cheyenne, WY**

June 1990-June 1997

Resource Specialist

Multnomah Educational Service District, Portland, OR

January-May 1990

Administered an on-site outdoor education program for public school students in the 6th grade.

- Recruited and trained college students to teach zoology
- Developed curriculum for the mandatory school district program

EDUCATION

MBA with emphasis on economics, University of Wyoming, 1989

BS in Range and Wildlife Management, University of Wyoming, 1987

BOARDS AND SERVICE

- Commissioner, Wyoming Legislature's Government Efficiency Commission, 2018
- Certified Casting Instructor, International Federation of Fly Fishers, 2013-present
- Board member and treasurer, Cheyenne Animal Shelter, 2003-2008;
- Puppy raiser, Leader Dogs for the Blind 2000-2001;
- Board member, Cheyenne Ducks Unlimited 1993-1996;
- Board member, Wyoming Wildlife Federation 1990-1993