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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015
Business-University Partnerships
Participants: Roger Ferguson, president and CEO, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), chair, BHEF; Nancy Zimpher, chancellor, State University of New York; Mike Keller, executive vice president and CIO, Nationwide; Anil Makhija, dean and chair in business, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University; Djuradj Babic, director, School of Engineering and Technology, Miami Dade College; Joan Ferrini-Mundy, assistant director, Education and Human Resources Directorate, National Science Foundation; Gilliam Small, vice chancellor for research, City University of New York; and JoAnn Winson, program director, IBM University Programs.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; 515 15th Street, Great Room, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015
Women and Minorities in STEM
Subject: Change the Equation and Northrop Grumman will host and event, “Women and Minorities in STEM.”
Participants: Sandra Evers Manly, vice president for Global Corporate Responsibility, Northrop Grumman Corporation; and Dr. Velma Deleveaux, principal, Booz Allen Hamilton.
Time and Location: 8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 1101 K Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Higher Education Regulations
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will host a hearing, “Recalibrating Regulation of Colleges and Universities: A Report from the Task Force on Government Regulation of Higher Education.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015
House Science Committee Hearing on the Department of Energy’s FY 16 Budget Proposal
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing, “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the Department of Energy for Fiscal Year 2016.”
Witness: The Honorable Ernest Moniz, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225-6731.

Career Pathways
Subject: The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) will host a webinar, “Advancing Career Pathways with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.”
Participants: Anna Cielniski, senior policy analyst, CLASP; Judy Mortrude, director, Alliance for Quality Career Pathways, CLASP; Michele Birelmaier, director, Allied Health and Nursing, South Central College, North Mankato, MN; Sara Garrigan, career pathway navigator, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; Diane Halvorson, executive director, South Central Workforce Council; and Karen Wolter, adult basic education director, Mankato Adult Education.
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015
House Science Subcommittee Hearing on NSF and NIST’s FY 16 Budget Proposal
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology’s Subcommittee on Research and Technology will hold a hearing, “An Overview of the Budget Proposals for the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Standards and Technology for Fiscal Year 2016.”
Witnesses: The Honorable France Cordova, director, National Science Foundation; The Honorable Daniel Arvizu, chairman, National Science Board; and Dr. Willie May, acting director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225-6731.

NIH Funding
Subject: The Information Technology & Innovation Fund (ITIF) will hold an event, “Health Funding: Ensuring a Growing and Predictable Budget for National Institutes of Health (NIH).”
Participants: Robert Atkinson, president, ITIF; Joe Kennedy, senior fellow, ITIF; Margaret Anderson, FasterCures; Beth Felder, director of public affairs, Johns Hopkins; and Bill Hoagland, senior vice president, Bipartisan Policy Center.
Time and Location: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 2322 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Register here.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015
NSF Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) to hold an Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee teleconference.
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: RSVP to Joan Schmelz at: jschmelz@nsf.gov. View the agenda here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consider motion to proceed to H.R. 420 – Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015

House Floor:
To be considered under suspension of the rules:
H.R. 1020 – STEM Education Act of 2015  
S. 227 – Strengthening Education Through Research Act

To be considered pursuant to a rule:
H.R. 5 – Student Success Act
H.R. 529 – To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227 Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (02/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events
U.S. House of Representatives 2015 Schedule:
U.S. Senate 2015 Schedule:
https://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2015_schedule.htm  
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