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MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014
Open Educational Resources

Subject: The Congressional E-Learning Caucus will hold a briefing on “Open Educational Resources: Reducing Costs to Students and Advancing the Workforce Through Improved Student Outcomes” to discuss how the K-12 and higher education systems can leverage open educational resources to reduce the cost of textbooks, improve student outcomes, and fuel the economy with a better educated workforce.

Participants: Dr. David Wiley, Co-Founder & Chief Academic Officer, Lumen Learning and Scholar in Residence, University of Utah; Samantha Zwerling, Student Body President, University of Maryland-College Park; Dr. Daniel T. DeMarté, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Chief Academic Officer, Tidewater Community College; and Nicole Allen, Director of Open Education, SPARC.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m.; B-340 Rayburn.

Contact: More information is available at:
http://www.openeducationweek.org/a1ec_event/congressional-e-learning-caucus-briefing-open-educational-resources/?instance_id=

Diversity in the STEM Workforce
Subject: The Senate STEM Education and Workforce Caucus will host a panel discussion, “The State of Diversity in America’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Workforce.”

Participants: Dr. Irving McPhail, President and CEO, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc.; Stacey DeVecchio, President, Society of Women Engineers; Edith Bartley, Vice President of Government Affairs, Thurgood Marshall College Fund; Dr. Chad Womack, Director of STEM Initiative, United Negro College Fund; Laura Maristany, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; and Ray Dempsey, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, BP America.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Capitol Visitors Center, 201-200 SVC.

Contact: RSVP to Wicker_Intern3@wicker.senate.gov.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

Nuclear Energy Briefing

Subject: The American Geoscience Institute, Geological Society of America and the National Science Foundation-Directorate of Geosciences along with other partners will host a nuclear energy briefing, “Nuclear Energy: Resources, Geological Hazards, and Waste Management.”

Participants: Susan Hall, Uranium Resource Expert, U.S. Geological Survey; Annie Kammerer, Principal Seismologist, Bechtel Corporation; and Jean M. Bahr, Professor, Department of Geoscience, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 1334 Longworth HOB.

Contact: RSVP to Abby Seadler at aseadler@agiweb.org by March 10th.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee Meeting

Subject: The Department of Commerce (DOC) will hold a meeting of the Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee on emerging technology and research activities.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m.; DOC, Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Ave, NW, Room 3884, Washington, DC.

Contact: to RSVP contact Yvette Springer at: 202.482.2813 or via email at Yvette.springer@bis.doc.gov.

NIH Meeting

Subject: The National Institute of Health (NIH) will hold a meeting of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee to review and discuss selected human gene transfer protocols and related data management activities.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m.; NIH, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Conference Room 9100, Bethesda, MD.

Contact: For inquiries about the meeting contact Chris Nice at 301.496.9838 or via email at nicelc@mail.nih.gov.

Senate Hearing on President’s FY 15 Revenue and Economic Proposal

Subject: The Senate Committee on the Budget will hold a hearing, “The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Revenue and Economic Policy Proposal.”

Witness: Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.


House Hearing on President’s FY 15 Revenue and Economic Proposal

Subject: The House Committee on the Budget will hold a hearing, “The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Revenue and Economic Policy Proposal.”

Witness: Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, call 202.226.7270.
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

Biological Science and Data Meeting

Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold a meeting of the Biological Sciences Advisory Committee to discuss the Emerging Frontiers Committee of Visitors report and other matters relevant to the Directorate for Biological Sciences from March 13-14.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

Contact: To RSVP to erchiang@nsf.gov.

The House Science and National Labs Caucus Hold a Briefing

Subject: The House Science and National Labs Caucus and the Science Coalition will hold a briefing, “Sparking Economic Growth: How Companies Created from Federally Funded Research are Fueling American Innovation and Economic Growth.”

Participants: Dr. John Swartley, Associate Vice Provost for Research and Director of the Center for Technology Transfer, University of Pennsylvania; Ronald Ruth, Ph.D., Professor, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Stanford University; Dr. Sivalingam Sivananthan, Professor of Physics, University of Illinois; and Paula Collins, Vice President, Government Relations, Texas Instrument.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; B-369 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: RSVP to sciencecoalition@qga.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014

NONE.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.1086 - Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization
S.1917 - Victims Protection Act of 2014
H.R.3370 - Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act

House Floor:
H.R. 4138 – ENFORCE the Law Act of 2014
H.R. 3189 – Water Rights Protection Act
H.R. 4015 – SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014

Bills to Watch

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)

S. 1094 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

H.R. 803
Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

S. 1356
Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Workforce Investment Reauthorization Act (7/31/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

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http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov

U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov

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