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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013
National Science Foundation - Conference
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds its 2013 Grants Conference, March 11-12.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., Howard University, 2400 6th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: 703-292-8243, policy@nsf.gov.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds 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: 8:30 a.m., NIH, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Rockledge II, Conference Room 9100, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Chezelle George, 301-496-9838, georgec@od.nih.gov.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013
Human Research Protections
Subject: The Health and Human Services Department’s Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections, March 12-13.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., HHS, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 800, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Julia Gorey, 240-453-8141, Julia.Gorey@hhs.gov.

National Cancer Institute
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the National Cancer Institute Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee for a strategic discussion of NCI’s clinical and translational research programs.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., NIH, 31 Center Drive, Building 31, C-Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Rooms 9 and 10, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Sheila Prindiville, 301-451-5048, prindivs@mail.nih.gov.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Subject: The Energy Department’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy holds a meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board to receive updates and reviews of accomplishment of STEAB’s Subcommittee and Task Forces, meet with members of DOE’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and discuss new initiatives and technologies, March 12-13.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Jefferson Room, Arlington, Va.
Contact: Gil Sperling, 202-586-5806.

LHHS Public Witness Hearing
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies holds a Public and Outside Witnesses Hearing.
Witnesses: To include: Dr. Cheryl D. Dozier, President, Savannah State University, on behalf of Trio Programs; Dr. Will Hardin, Superintendent of Camden County Schools, Georgia, National Association of Federally Impacted Schools; Peter McPherson, President, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU); Mary Reese, Board Member, VOR, Speaking for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and Kristen Sands, M.Ed., School Counselor, on behalf of American School Counselor Association.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building.

House Science, Space, and Technology Committee
Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee’s Research Subcommittee holds a hearing on “STEM Education: Industry and Philanthropic Initiatives.”
Witnesses: Shelly Esque, President, Intel Foundation; Bob Smith, Vice President and CTO, Honeywell Aerospace; Vince Bertram, President and CEO, Project Lead the Way; Andrea Ingram, Vice President of Education and Guest Services, Museum of Science and Industry.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.
Contact: 202-225-6371, science.house.gov.

House Appropriations Committee
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies holds an oversight hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
Witnesses: Paul Martin, Inspector General, NASA.
Time and Location: 11:00 a.m., H-309, U.S. Capitol.
Contact: 202-225-2771, appropriations.house.gov.

Federal Student Aid
Subject: The National College Access Network hosts a briefing to discuss the challenges and proposed solutions currently facing the Federal Student Aid system.
Participants: Michelle Asha Cooper, Ph.D., President, Institute for Higher Education Policy; Michael Dannenberg, Director of Higher Education and Education Finance Policy, The Education
Trust; Jason Delisle, Director of Federal Education Budget Project, New American Foundation; and Kim Cook, Executive Director, NCAN.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Capitol Visitors Center, Room TBA.

**Contact:** RSVP at: [http://www.collegeaccess.org/Policy_Briefing](http://www.collegeaccess.org/Policy_Briefing).

**Federal Student Loans**

**Subject:** The Committee on the Education and the Workforce holds a hearing on “Keeping College Within Reach: Examining Opportunities to Strengthen Federal Student Loan Programs.”

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.


**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013**

**Helping Students Make Informed Decisions About Higher Education**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of Education holds a briefing on consumer tools to help guide students’ higher education choices, including: College Scorecard, College Navigator, Financial Aid Shopping Sheet, and Studentaid.gov.

**Participants:** Massie Ritsch, Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach; David Bergeron, Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education; and Jack Buckley, Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., Barnard Auditorium, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP to Patricia.Landis@ed.gov with the subject: “RSVP March 14th” by March 11. To watch webinar: [http://edstream.ed.gov/webcast/Viewer/?peid=e651af3d71984f55b8201d0644bfaf51d](http://edstream.ed.gov/webcast/Viewer/?peid=e651af3d71984f55b8201d0644bfaf51d).

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013**

**International Science and Engineering**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering to provide advice and recommendation concerning support for the research, education, and related activities involving the U.S. science and engineering community working in a global context, as well as strategic efforts to promote a more effective NSF role in international science and engineering, March 14-15.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., National Science Foundation, 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford II, Room 1155, Arlington, Va.

**Contact:** Robert Webber, 703-292-8569.

**PCAST Meeting**

**Subject:** The Energy Department's Office of Science holds a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST).

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., National Academy of Sciences 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Lecture Room, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Amber Hartman Scholz, 202-456-4444, ascholz@ostp.eop.gov.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate**

S.# - FY2013 Continuing Resolution

**House**

H.R. 890 – Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act of 2013

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H.R. 803 – SKILLS Act

Bills to Watch
FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS
House

Continuing Resolution
FY2013 Continuing Resolution to fund the government until March 27, 2013
(9/22/12 passed by Senate; 9/13/12 passed by House)
Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act (3/2/12 passed by House
Education and the Workforce Committee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:
U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:
http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html or
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html
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
Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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