Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

Breakthroughs at the Department of Energy

Subject: The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF) will host an event, “Commercializing Breakthroughs at the Department of Energy (DOE).”

Participants: Matthew Stepp, executive director, Center for Clean Energy Innovation; George Crabtree, director, Joint Center for Energy Storage Research; Jetta Wong, acting director, Office of Technology Transition, DOE; and Barri Gurau, energy initiative lead, Corporate Engineering and Technology, Lockheed Martin.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 268 CVC.

Contact: Register here.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

House Higher Education and Workforce Training Subcommittee Hearing

Subject: The House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training will hold a hearing, “Strengthening America’s Higher Education System.”

Witnesses: Mitchell Daniels, Jr., president, Purdue University; Dr. Christine M. Keller, vice president, research and policy analysis, executive director, Voluntary System of Accountability and Student Achievement Measure, Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities; David A.
Bergeron, vice president, Postsecondary Education, Center for American Progress; and Michael J. Bennett, associate vice president, Financial Aid Services, St. Petersburg College.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

### House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on Applied Energy Programs

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development will hold a budget hearing on the Department of Energy’s (DOE) applied energy programs.

**Witnesses:** Dr. Franklin Orr, Under Secretary, Science and Energy, DOE; Dr. David Danielson, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE; John Kotek, Deputy Principal Assistant Secretary, DOE; Christopher Smith, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, DOE; and Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2362-B Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

### House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on the NSF

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS) will hold a hearing on the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) FY 2016 Budget Request.

**Witness:** The Honorable Francine A. Cordova, director, NSF.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; H-309 Capitol.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

### House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on the DOE’s Office of Science

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development will hold a budget hearing on the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Science.

**Witnesses:** Dr. Franklin Orr, Under Secretary, Science and Energy, DOE; Dr. Patricia Dehmer, Deputy Director of Science Programs, DOE.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m.; 2362-B Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

### Challenges in Higher Education Reform

**Subject:** The Brookings Institution will host an event, “Higher Education Reform: Affordability, Accountability, and Value.”

**Participants:** Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., president, Purdue University; and Matthew M. Chingos, senior fellow, governance studies, Brown Center on Education Policy.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

### House LHHS Subcommittee Hearing

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies will hold a hearing, “Closing the Achievement Gap in Higher Education.”

**Witnesses:** Gail Mellow, president, La Guardia Community College; Aaron Thompson, executive vice president and chief academic officer, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education; Benjamin Castleman, assistant professor of education and public policy, The University of Virginia; Carol L. Fischer, post-doctoral fellow, The University of Iowa; and Brian K. Fitzgerald, CEO, The Business-Higher Education Forum.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.
House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on Environmental Management at the DOE

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development will hold a budget hearing on Environment Management at the Department of Energy (DOE).

**Witnesses:** David Klaus, Deputy Under Secretary, Management and Performance, DOE; and Mark Whitney, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, DOE.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2362-B Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

House CJS Subcommittee Hearing on the NOAA

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS) will hold a hearing on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) FY 2016 Budget Request.

**Witness:** The Honorable Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, administrator, NOAA.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; H-309 Capitol.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

Community College Excellence

**Subject:** The Aspen Institute will hold an event by invitation only to award $1.1 million in prizes for community college excellence.

**Participants:** Dr. Jill Biden, Second Lady of the United States, professor of English, Northern Virginia Community College; Ellen Alberding, president, Joyce Foundation; Mitch Daniels, president, Purdue University, former Governor of Indiana; Governor Bill Haslam, Tennessee; Former U.S. Representative George Miller, California.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** More information found here.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015**

Transitional Jobs

**Subject:** The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) will host a webinar, “Developing Pathways Out of Poverty Through Transitional Jobs: Expanding Opportunities to Help Low-Income Workers Overcome Employment Barriers with WIOA.”

**Participants:** Melissa Young, director, National Initiatives on Poverty & Economic Opportunity, Heartland Alliance; Chris Warland, associate director of field building, Initiatives on Poverty & Economic Opportunity, Heartland Alliance; Jamie Fountain, Larkin Street Youth Services; and Kisha Bird, director of youth policy, CLASP.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

Innovation in Degree Pathways

**Subject:** The American Youth Policy Forum and the MDRC will host a webinar, “Replicating Success: CUNY’s Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP).”

**Participants:** Sue Scrivener, senior associate, MDRC; Donna Linderman, university dean for student success initiatives, CUNY; and Brett Visger, associate vice chancellor, Institutional Collaboration & Completion, Ohio Board of Regents.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015**

None.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:

House Floor:
H.R. 1029 – EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015
H.R. 1030 – Secret Science Reform Act of 2015
S.J. Res.8 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures
H.Res. 132 – Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress

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)

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