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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Monday, April 18, 2016
Budget Process
Subject: The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget will hold an event, “Fixing the Budget Process.”
Participants: Dr. Stuart Butler, senior fellow, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution; Maya MacGuineas, president, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget; Dr. Marvin Phaup, professor, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, The George Washington University; and Paul Posner, director, Graduate Public Administration Program, George Mason University.
Time and Location: 12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016
NSF Education & Human Resources Advisory Committee Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Education and Human Resources Directorate will hold its Advisory Committee meeting from April 19-20. An agenda can be found here.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. (April 19) to 5:00 p.m. (April 20); NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I Room 375, Arlington, VA.
Contact: Michael Sullivan, msullivan@nsf.gov or 703.292.8600.

Indicators of Higher Education Equity
Subject: The Pell Institute and PennAHEAD will hold an event to release the second annual report, “Indicators of Higher Education Equity in the United States 2016: Historical Trend Report.”
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; 529 14h Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here. Breakfast will be served.
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Markup of FY 2017 CJS Bill
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m.; 192 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the markup, contact: 202.224.7257. NOTE: The webcast will be audio-only.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Fixing the Congressional Budget Process
Subject: The Senate Budget Committee will hold the third in a series of four hearings on fixing the budget process titled, "Fixing Broken Budget Process and Restoring Stability to Government."
Witnesses: Dr. Kevin Hassett, director of economic policy studies, American Enterprise Institute; Dr. Phillip Joyce, senior associate dean, University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy; and Dr. Norman Ornstein, research scholar, American Enterprise Institute.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries contact: 202.224.0642.

Career Preparation at all Grade Levels
Subject: The National Center for College & Career Transitions (NC3T) will hold a webinar, "Integrating Career Development into a Pathways System."
Participants: Hans Meeder, president, NC3T.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Undergraduate Research Showcase
Subject: The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) and the American Chemical Society (ACS) will hold the 2016 Posters on the Hill Evening Reception, which will feature student research projects that demonstrate exemplary undergraduate research from across the nation.
Time and Location: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; B357 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP to mbrandysburg@wplic.net.

Thursday, April 21, 2016
Future of Higher Education
Subject: The Urban Institute will host an event, "Separating Fact from Fiction in Higher Education" to discuss the biggest challenges facing higher education and what federal and local government, colleges and universities, and the public can do about it.
Participants: Matthew M. Chingos, senior fellow, Urban Institute; Michael S. McPherson, president, Spencer Foundation; Edward Montgomery, dean, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University; and Libby Nelson, education reporter, Vox.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Urban Institute, 2100 M Street, NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Senate Appropriations Committee Markup of FY 2017 CJS Bill
Subject: The Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up the FY2017 Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies Appropriations Act.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 106 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the mark up, contact: 202.224.7257. NOTE: The webcast will be audio-only.

Friday, April 22, 2016
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, April 26, 2016
College- and Career-Readiness (E&S, D)
Subject: The United Way will hold a national convening on college- and career-readiness, “Ensuring College- and Career-Readiness to Produce Highly-Skilled Workers and Build Strong Communities.” Attendees will learn about various resources for parents and community leaders to help improve the performance and progress of their students and schools, as well as engagement best practices and initiatives to ensure students are ready for college and career.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 701 North Fairfax Street, Mary M. Gates Learning Center, Alexandria, VA.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
H.R. 636 – America’s Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2015

House Floor:
H.R. 4885 – IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending (OWES) Act of 2016
H.R. 1206 – No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act
H.R. 3724 – Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act of 2015
H.R. 4890 – To impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227 Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (12/17/15 Passed by Senate; 2/04/2015 Passed by HELP Committee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events
U.S. House of Representatives 2016 Schedule
U.S. Senate 2016 Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
U.S. House Budget Committee
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