This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BPAG, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting CUR and its members. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

Monday, April 19, 2021
Webinar: How Higher Education is Putting Stimulus Funding to Work (H)
Subject: Whiteboard Advisors will host a webinar on how higher education is leveraging federal stimulus funding.
Participants: Alison Griffin, senior vice president, Whiteboard Advisors (Moderator); Julie Alexander, vice provost for academic affairs, Miami Dade College; Carrie Hauser, president, Colorado Mountain College; Wil Del Pilar, vice president, Education Trust; and Tim Renick, executive director, National Institute for Student Success, Georgia State University.
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Hearing: House Appropriations Subcommittee on Increasing Investments in Community Colleges (E&S, H)
Subject: The House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “Building Capacity, Building Community: Increasing Investments in Community Colleges.”
Witnesses: William T. Brown, CEO, Gateway Community College; Kelli Jordan, director, IBM Career Skills and Performance; Walter Bumphus, president and CEO, American Association of Community Colleges; and Mary Alice McCarthy, director, New America’s Center on Education and Labor.
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Contact: Livestream available here.
**Hearing: Senate HELP Committee on Workforce Policies to Support COVID-19 Recovery (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing on “COVID-19 Recovery: Supporting Workers and Modernizing the Workforce through Quality Education, Training, and Employment Opportunities.”

**Witnesses:** Maria Flynn, president and CEO, Jobs for the Future; Denice Thomas, deputy commissioner of workforce learning and development, Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Scott Ralls, president, Wake Technical Community College; and Alejandro Mendoza, human resources director, Optimax Systems Inc.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

**Hearing: House Education and Labor Hearing for For-Profit College Accountability (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The House Education and Labor Committee will hold a webinar on “For-Profit College Conversations: Examining Ways to Improve Accountability and Prevent Fraud.”

**Witnesses:** Melissa Emrey-Arras, director, education, workforce, and income security issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Yan Cao, fellow, The Century Foundation; Andrew Gillen, senior policy analyst, Texas Public Policy Foundation; and Brian Galle, professor of law, Georgetown University Law Center.

**Time:** 10:15 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

**Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee on the American Jobs Plan (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on “The American Jobs Plan: Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Investing in Our Nation’s Future.”

**Witnesses:** Marcia Fudge, secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Michael Regan, administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Pete Buttigieg, secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation; and Gina Raimondo, secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

**Webinar: Building Back Better with People-Centered Infrastructure (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The National Skills Coalition will host a webinar on “Building Back Better with People-Centered Infrastructure.”

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Webinar: Strengthening Rural Community Colleges (H)**

**Subject:** The Association of Community College Trustees will host a webinar on “Strengthening Rural Community Colleges.”

**Participants:** Travis Reindl, senior communications officer, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; David Loope, president, Beaufort Community College; and Martha Garcia, president, Imperial Valley Community College.

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**Nominations Markup: Senate HELP Committee (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a markup vote on the nominations of Julie Su to serve as Deputy Labor secretary, Cynthia Marten to serve as Deputy Education secretary, and James Kvaal to serve as Education Undersecretary.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** More information [here](#).

**Nominations Hearing: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, will convene a nomination hearing to consider the nomination of Bill Nelson to be National Aeronautics and Space Administration Administrator.

**Witness:** Bill Nelson, former Senator from Florida.
**Webinar: Future of Schools after Vaccinations (E&S, H)**
**Subject:** Washington Post Live will hold a virtual discussion on "Life after Vaccines: Future of Schools."
**Participants:** Emily Oster, professor of economics, Brown University; Kaweeda Adams, superintendent, City School District of Albany, NY; and Jennifer Nuzzo, senior scholar, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Webinar: Getting Girls into STEM and Cybersecurity (E&S, H)**
**Subject:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology holds a virtual discussion on "Getting Girls into STEM and Cybersecurity - Pathways to Progress."
**Participants:** Gabriela Gonzalez, deputy director and operations manager, Intel Foundation; Madeline Di Nonno, president and CEO, Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media.
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).

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**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

**Webinar: The Path Forward for Education and Climate Action (E&S, H)**
**Subject:** The Brookings Institute will host a webinar on "The Path Forward for Education and Climate Action."
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Hearing: House Education and Labor Members Day (E&S, H, D)**
**Subject:** The House Education and Labor Committee will hold their Member’s Day hearing.
**Time:** 10:15 a.m.
**Contact:** More information [here](#).

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**Friday, April 23, 2021**

**Webinar: Learning from Student Perspectives (E&S, H)**
**Subject:** The Collaborative for Academic Social Emotional Learning (CASEL) will host a webinar on "Learning from Student Perspectives."
**Participants:** Jennifer de Forest, YouthTruth; Jimmy Simpson, YouthTruth; and Shelly Reggiani, North Clackamas School District, OR.
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Friday, April 29, 2021**

**Nominations Hearing: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee (E&S, H)**
**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, will convene a nomination hearing to consider the nomination of Eric Lander to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.
**Witness:** Dr. Erik Lander.
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.
**Contact:** More information [here](#).

**Webinar: Engineering Research Initiation Program (H)**
**Subject:** The National Science Foundation Directorate for Engineering will host a webinar on the Engineering Research Initiation Program.
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S. 937 - COVID–19 Hate Crimes Act
Consideration of Lisa Monaco to be Deputy Attorney General
Consideration of Gary Gensler to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission

House Floor:
H.R. 1333 – NO BAN Act
H.R. 1573 – Access to Counsel Act of 2021
H.R. 51 – Washington, D.C. Admission Act

COVID-19 Related Bills
H.R. 1319 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (3/11/21 Signed by President)

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