This Week in Washington

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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.

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MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015

Value of Postsecondary Education

Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event, “High Costs, Uncertain Benefits: What Do Americans Without a College Degree Think About Postsecondary Education?”

Participants: Kevin J. James, research fellow, AEI; Andrew P. Kelly, resident scholar, director, Center on Higher Education Reform, AEI; Mark Schneider, visiting scholar, American Institutes for Research (AIR), AEI; and Rachel Zinn, director, Workforce Data Quality Campaign.

Time and Location: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

None.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

Biological Sciences Advisory Committee Meeting

Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences will hold a meeting from April 22 to 23 to discuss graduate education in biology, the development of Bio Data and biological research the nexus of food, energy and water.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on April 23; Hilton Hotel, 950 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA.
Contact: Register to attend the meeting and view the agenda at this link.

Cyberinfrastructure Advisory Committee Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation's (NSF) Advisory Committee for Cyberinfrastructure will hold a meeting from April 22 to 23.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on April 22, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. on April 23; NSF, Wilson Blvd., Stafford I, room 1235, Arlington, VA.
Contact: Register to attend the meeting and view the agenda at this link.

House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Hearing
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a markup of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 (H.R. 1806).
Time and Location: 10:15 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the markup, contact: 202.225.6371.

Women in Engineering and Technology
Subject: The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a Google Hangout, “Solving the Equation: Women in Engineering and Technology.”
Participants: Linda D. Hallman, executive director, AAUW; Esra Ozer, president, Alcoa Foundation; Robert Denson, president, Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC); Edie Fraser, chief executive officer, STEMconnector, Million Women Mentors; Anne Wintroub, director of charitable operations, AT&T; Christianne Corbett, senior researcher, AAUW; and Lorena Fimbres, vice president, chief business development officer, STEMconnector, Million Women Mentors.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015
House Energy and Commerce Committee Hearing
Subject: The House Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold a hearing, “Title II: 21st Century Workforce.”
Witnesses: Dr. Tracy Brundage, vice president, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Pennsylvania College of Technology; Rick Jarvis, vice president of field construction, Morrow-Meadows Corporation; Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti, Chief Energy Officer, University of Houston; Monica Martinez, president, Hispanics in Energy; Felix W. Ortiz, III, founder and chairman, Viridis Learning; and Charles Wilson, Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) trainer, managing partner, CW Consulting Group, LLC.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2123 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2927.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015
None.

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Senate Floor:
S.178 – Justice for Victims of Human Trafficking Act
House Floor:
H.R.1195 – Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act
H.R.1560 – Protecting Cyber Networks Act

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)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2015 Schedule
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