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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, MAY 5, 2014

College Accreditation

Subject: The American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the Educational Testing Service (ETS) will host an event on the “Current Issues in Accreditation.”

Participant: Judith Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education (CHEA).

Time and Location: 3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; ETS, 1800 K Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP to Christy Talbot at ctalbot@aera.net.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

National Science Board Meeting

Subject: The National Science Board will host a public meeting on May 6-7.

Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

Contact: Register by email to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov and for the full agenda, go to: http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2014/0506/.

President’s FY 15 Education Budget Request

Subject: The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The President’s FY 15 Education Budget Request.”

Witness: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.
**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.
**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.0642.

**College for Low-Income Students**
**Subject:** The Northwestern Institute for Policy Research, Representatives Mike Quigley (D-IL) and Aaron Schock (R-IL) will host a briefing, “Research on How to Help Low-Income Students Enter, Thrive, and Succeed in College.”
**Participants:** James Rosenbaum, Professor of Education, Social Policy, Sociology and IPR Fellow, Northwestern University; Sarah Turner, University Professor of Economics and Education, University of Virginia; Bridget Terry Long, Academic Dean and Xander Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; and David Figlio, IPR Director and Fellow, Northwestern University.
**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; HVC 201, Capitol Visitors Center.
**Contact:** Register at: [http://www.ipr.northwestern.edu/events/regform-b.html](http://www.ipr.northwestern.edu/events/regform-b.html).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014**

**Biomedical Science**
**Subject:** The Health and Human Services Department (HHS) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will hold a meeting of the Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB) to review programs and activities to engage pre-college students in biomedical sciences as well as the NIH peer review and award processes.
**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m.; NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 35, First Floor, Porter Seminar Room, Bethesda, MD.
**Contact:** RSVP to Juanita Marner at smrb@mail.nih.gov or watch the webcast at: [http://smrb.od.nih.gov/](http://smrb.od.nih.gov/).

**Women in STEM**
**Subject:** The Million Women Mentors will host a Town Hall Conference Call on “Pledging to Mentor.”
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
**Contact:** Register to Yinka Robinson at yinka.robinson@stemconnector.org.

**University Research Funding**
**Subject:** The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) will hold a briefing, “University Research Funding: Still Lagging Behind and Showing No Signs of Improvement.”
**Participants:** Robert D. Atkinson, President, ITIF; William B. Bonvillian, Director, MIT Washington Office; and Kathleen Kingscott, Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships, IBM Research.
**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 325 Russell SOB.
**Contact:** Register at: [http://www.itif.org/events/university-research-funding-still-lagging-behind-and-showing-no-signs-improvement](http://www.itif.org/events/university-research-funding-still-lagging-behind-and-showing-no-signs-improvement).

**CNSF Exhibition and Reception**
**Subject:** The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) will host an exhibition and reception titled, “Investments in STEM Research and Education: Fueling American Innovation.”
**Time and Location:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; B338-340 Rayburn HOB.
**Contact:** RSVP to tspady@aspb.org.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014**

**Hearing on Unionizing Student Athletes**
**Subject:** The House Education and the Workforce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Big Labor on College Campuses: Examining the Consequences of Unionizing Student Athletes.”
**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, call 202.225.4527.
FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014

Business in Education Reform


Participant: Dane Linn, Vice President, Business Roundtable.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, Ground Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP at: ctalbot@aera.net. Thirteen dollars will be collected at the door for the subsidized lunch.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.2262 - Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act

House Floor:
H.R. 4366 – Strengthening Education through Research Act
Will be voted on "under the Suspension of the Rules" which means debate is limited to 40 minutes, no amendments can be offered and a 2/3 majority of Members present and voting is required to pass.

H.R. 10 – Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act

H.R. 4438 – American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2014

H.Res. 565 – Calling on Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., to appoint a special counsel to investigate the targeting of conservative non-profit groups by the Internal Revenue Service

H.Res. ___ – Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find Lois G. Lerner, Former Director, Exempt Organizations, Internal Revenue Service, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Bills to Watch

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)

S. 1094 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

H.R. 803 Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

S. 1356 Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Workforce Investment Reauthorization Act (7/31/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)
Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm


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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