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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.

Weekly Calendar

Mond...
Participants: Kara Finnigan, researcher, The University of Rochester, co-author, *Using Research Evidence in Education: From the Schoolhouse Door to Capitol Hill*; and Alan Daly, researcher, University of California, San Diego, CA, co-author, *Using Research Evidence in Education: From the Schoolhouse Door to Capitol Hill*.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Contact: Register at: https://secure.aypf.org/np/clients/aypf/event.jsp?event=1593&.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

Geosciences Committee Meeting

Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Geoscience Advisory Committee will hold their fall meeting from October 29-30.

Participants: George Hornberger, chair, Advisory Committee for Geoscience (AC GEO); France Cordova, director, NSF; Paul Shepson, AC GEO; Kelly Falkner, AC GEO; and others.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 375, Arlington, VA.

Contact: RSPV to Melissa Lane at: mlane@nsf.gov and view the agenda at: http://nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=131217&org=NSF.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014

NBES Open Board Meeting

Subject: The National Board for Education Sciences (NBES) will host an open meeting that will give an overview of recent developments at the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), and discuss “Research on Educating African American Males,” and “Higher Education Rating Systems.”

Participants: David Chard, chair, NBES; Thomas Brock, Commissioner, National Center for Education Research (NCER); Ted Mitchell, Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; and Sue Betka, Acting Director, IES.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; 80 F Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: For inquiries on the meeting, contact: ellie.pelaez@ed.gov.

SBE Advisory Committee Meeting

Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold a “Fall Advisory Committee Meeting of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economics Sciences” (SBE) from October 30-31.

Participants: Dr. Emilio Moran, chair, SBE; Dr. Fay Lomax Cook, assistant director, SBE; Dr. Joanne Tornow, deputy assistant director, SBE; Dr. Suzanne Iacono, acting assistant director, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering; and others.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2014

None.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate will be in recess until November 12.
House Floor:
The House will be in recess until November 12.

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)

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT
H.R. 4366  Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (09/17/14 passed by Senate HELP Committee; 05/08/14 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT
H.R. 4982  Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
H.R. 4983  Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT
H.R. 4984  Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT
Draft  Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Higher Education Affordability Act (discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14)

AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT
S. 2757  Sponsor: Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV)
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2014 (07/31/14 referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

H.R. 4186  Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2014
(03/10/14 reported out of committee by voice vote)

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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