



# Legislative Concerns Committee Meeting

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# Outline

- Approval of the Agenda & Minutes
- Introduction of current committee members
- Legislative Concerns Chair Status Report
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  - NAGPS Legislative Platform
  - Introduction to the new NAGPS Legislative Action Center
  - Strategy for the current legislation in lame duck session
  - Open call for candidates to run for the 2011 NAGPS Legislative Concerns Chair
  - Legislative Concerns Committee Charter
  - Spring 2011 Legislative Action Days
  - Future Legislative Concerns Committee Meetings
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# Legislative Concerns Chair Status Report

## □ Year in Summary

- Spring 2010 NAGPS LAD

- Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD

- Main issues focused on during the year

- Research Funding (H.R. 5116 & S. 3605)

- Graduate Student Taxation (H.R. 5078, H.R. 5600, S. 2851)

- Open Access to Federally-Funded Research (H.R. 5037 & S. 1373)

- Path forward for the rest of the year and into next

- America COMPETES should move in the lame duck session by itself

- Taxation issues might be bundled with a larger tax bill that will be moved in the lame duck session

- Open access will be a main initiative for next year

# Current Legislative Updates

- Tax Incentives

- H.R. 5078 & H.R. 5600

- S. 2851

- America COMPETES

- S. 3605

- Federal Research Public Access Act

- H.R. 5037

- S. 1371



# NAGPS Legislative Platform

- 2010 & 2011 Draft Version of the NAGPS Legislative Platform is located on the Legislative concerns website
  - <http://nagps.org/structure/committees/lcc>
- Attempted to shorten the document and take out redundant statements
- Took out any specific mention to specific pieces of legislation

# NAGPS Legislative Action Center

□ <http://nagps.org/policy/legislative-action-center>

## POLICY

- Our Agenda
- ▼ Legislative Action Center
  - ▶ National Advocacy
  - Regional Advocacy
  - ▶ Advocacy Training Materials
  - Advocate Report Form
  - Documents
  - Get Involved

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## Legislative Action Center

When graduate & professional students come together in *NAGPS*, we have power - the power to enhance our well-being, improve graduate & professional student life, and support favorable educational laws and policies. Explore *NAGPS* and how you can get involved and make a difference in your community and in your own life.



*Fall 2010 Legislative Action Days Debrief Session*

**Get Involved Today!**

## Legislative Action Center Overview

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# Strategy for current legislation in the lame duck session (starts Nov 15<sup>th</sup>)

- Ask for more co-sponsors for H.R. 5037 and H.R. 5600 while pursuing their inclusion in a larger tax bill with the House leadership
- Ask for more co-sponsors for FRPAA, H.R. 5037 and S. 1373, and continue to educate legislators on the importance of open access legislation
- Encourage all of the membership universities who attended the NAGPS National Conference to commit to sending at least 5 individual letters to their state Representatives about the four bills mentioned above

# Open Call for Candidates for the 2011 NAGPS Legislative Concerns Chair

- What are the roles and responsibilities of the Legislative Concerns Chair?
  - ▣ Responsible for the coordination of Association efforts regarding their Committee issues at the national level.
  - ▣ Advise the NAGPS Board of Directors on issues of concern to their Committees.
  - ▣ Represent the interests of the members of their Committee to the NAGPS Board of Directors.
  - ▣ Provide regular updates on Association activities to the members of their Committee via their electronic Committee discussion list, and/or the production of a Committee newsletter.
  - ▣ Serve on the Advocacy Board.
- If you are interested talk to me afterwards and start preparing a statement that can be read during the membership meeting where the voting will occur

# Legislative Concerns Committee Charter

- Draft of the committee charter is located on the NAGPS Legislative Concerns web page
  - <http://nagps.org/structure/committees/lcc>
- Outlines the purpose, operating procedures, authorization, membership and leadership, roles and responsibilities, reporting requirements, meeting schedule and process, and approval process
- Wanted a clear document about how the committee operates for potential committee members to look over

# Spring 2011 Legislative Action Days

- Will be busy with pushes to reintroduce legislation that never got out of committee in the last congressional session
- **February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>** are the identified dates but this will need to be approved by the NAGPS Board of Directors
- Encourage your graduate student association to support the event by sending a delegation
- The goal is double attendance when compared to the 2010 events

# Future Legislative Concerns Committee Meetings

- November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM PST/9:00 PM EST on Skype
- December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM PST/9:00 PM EST on Skype
- If you would like to participate please contact the Legislative Concerns Chair
- Be sure to include your Skype username in your request to join the conference call for the committee meeting

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