

## NAGPS Legislative Concerns Committee Meeting - July 27th 2010

### Requested Attendees:

Chad Foerster - Legislative Concerns Chair  
Scott Carlson - Legislative Concerns Committee Member  
Andy Guess - Legislative Concerns Committee Member  
Richard Kerr - Legislative Concerns Committee Member  
Conrad Ottey - Legislative Concerns Committee Member

### Agenda:

1. Status reports on past action items
2. Legislative Issues
  - a. Graduate Student Tax Exemption
    - i. A path forward for modifying H.R. 5078
    - ii. Commenting on H.R. 5600, the Employee Educational Assistance Act
  - b. America Competes
    - i. Concerns about the open access language in the bill as passed by the house
    - ii. Update on where the bill stands in the senate
  - c. FRPAA
    - i. Supporting SPARC's advocacy efforts for the FRPAA bills
    - ii. Discussing the upcoming hearing entitled "Public Access to Federally-Funded Research" which is set for July 29th, 2010
  - d. Student Loan Reform
    - i. The current state of this issue and past history
3. Fall 2010 NAGPS Legislative Action Days
  - a. Discuss the issues that will be supported at the event and the timeline of scheduled activities at the event

### Meeting Minutes:

1. Status reports on past action items
  - a. Graduate Student Tax Exemption
    - i. No response from emails containing modified bill language that were sent to Karin at NAICU and Higgins' office, will start phone calls to these contacts and other offices of representatives on the Ways and Means Committee
    - ii. Memo from two representatives about H.R. 5600 was distributed and information was gathered about the bill
  - b. America COMPETES
    - i. Sent a thank you letter to Representative Mark Gordon about getting America COMPETES passed in the House
    - ii. Working on Senator Brown with a letter of support for America COMPETES from MIT graduate students, Senator Brown could be a key swing vote
    - iii. Held off on contacting the targeted NAGPS member universities until the open access issue in the America COMPETES bill was discussed
  - c. FRPAA

- i. Created a press release and hearing statement from NAGPS for the open access hearing which will occur on July 29th, 2010
    - ii. Continued contacting member universities about open access policies or resolutions on their campuses and who do/would they apply to
- 2. Legislative Issues
  - a. Graduate Student Tax Exemption - Chad
    - i. Want a clear path forward for modifying H.R. 5078 that can be presented at the Fall Legislative Action Days
    - ii. Draft a template support letter for H.R. 5600, the Employee Educational Assistance Act, that can be distributed to the NAGPS Membership
  - b. America COMPETES - Scott
    - i. Concerns about the open access language in the bill as passed by the house
    - ii. Generate a synopsis of a committee meeting about America COMPETES that was held recently in the senate and distribute to the Legislative Concerns Committee
    - iii. Draft an example support letter for America COMPETES which specifically identifies the issues with its open access language
  - c. FRPAA - Andy, Chad, Richard
    - i. Supporting SPARC's advocacy efforts for the FRPAA bills
    - ii. Discussing the upcoming hearing entitled "Public Access to Federally-Funded Research" which is set for July 29th, 2010
    - iii. Compiling a spreadsheet with all the NAGPS member responses about supporting the FRPAA bills, current open access policies on their campus and joining the right to research coalition
  - d. Student Loan Reform - Conrad
    - i. The current state of this issue and past history needs to be presented to the committee
- 3. Fall 2010 NAGPS Legislative Action Days
  - a. Send out preliminary schedule to the NAGPS Legislation Concerns Committee and Executive Committee for comment and then post on the website
  - b. Send out an email to member universities encouraging them to come to the event
  - c. Implement 2010 Spring LAD survey in google and distribute