

NAGPS Legislative Concerns Committee Meeting - September 28th 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
Tiffany Thacker - Legislative Concerns Committee Member

Agenda:

1. Status reports on past action items
2. Legislative Issues
 - a. Graduate Student Taxation
 - i. Path forward for H.R. 5078 and H.R. 5600 in a possible lame-duck session
 - b. America Competes
 - i. Contact important committee members about public access language in the Senate version of the bill
 - c. FRPAA
 - i. Encourage Chairman Towns to conduct a full markup of the bill in the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
 - ii. Continue pressure on Representatives and Senators to co-sponsor the bill before the session ends
 - d. Graduate Student Loans
 - i. Gathering support for H.R. 2492, H.R. 5043, and S. 3219
3. Fall 2010 NAGPS Legislative Action Days
 - a. Finish up remaining tasks in preparation for the event next week
4. Revise the NAGPS Legislative Platform

Meeting Minutes:

1. Status Reports on past action items
 - a. Tax Incentives for Higher Education
 - i. Contacted sponsoring Representative offices of H.R. 5600 and H.R. 5078 and they said there was no movement on these bills and that most likely there would be a retroactive bill passed next year for all the tax provisions that are expiring at the end of the year
 - ii. Created Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD leave behind documents for the three tax bills, H.R. 5600, H.R. 5078 and S. 2851
 - b. America COMEPTES Reauthorization
 - i. Found out that most of the concerns with the interagency open access committee language in the house bill were addressed in to creation of the language in the senate version of the bill

- ii. Sent a letter to Senator Cornyn and Lieberman about the concerns that the public access language in America COMPETES bill could derail FRPAA
 - c. Federal Research Public Access Act
 - i. Made phone calls to all the house co-sponsors' staffers assigned to FRPAA to encourage them to contact Chairman Towns of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee to initiate a full markup of the bill in the main committee effectively bypassing the subcommittee the bill is currently in
 - ii. Created a Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD leave behind document and talking points sheet for S. 1373/H.R. 5037
 - d. Graduate Student Loans
 - i. Identified three bills relating to Graduate Student Loans that could be discussed with legislators, these include H.R. 2492, H.R. 5043 and S. 3219
 - ii. Created a Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD leave behind document for the issue
- 2. Legislative Issues Action Items
 - a. Tax Incentives for Higher Education - Chad
 - i. Get as many co-sponsors as possible for the three tax bills at LAD and encourage inclusion of the provisions in the tax bills with any larger tax related bill that has movement in the lame duck session
 - b. America COMPETES Reauthorization - Chad and Scott
 - i. Keep up pressure in the Senate to change the interagency public access committee language in the bill
 - c. Federal Research Public Access Act - Scott and Andy
 - i. Get as many co-sponsors as possible for the House and Senate bill
 - ii. Continue pushing for a markup in the OGR Committee by getting other Congressional offices to contact Chairman Towns
 - d. Graduate Student Loans - Conrad and Tiffany
 - i. Put together a more in depth analysis of the three bills related to this issue
 - ii. Start the discussion about what can be fixed in this area with congressional offices at LAD and create a clear ask that can be taken to the Spring 2011 NAGPS LAD for this issue
 - e. General Graduate Student Document - Richard
 - i. Create a document about the benefits of supporting graduate and professional education that can be distributed at the National Conference and future LADs
- 3. Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD
 - a. Contact member Universities who are not attending LAD to get them involved with contacting their legislators during the LAD time period
 - b. Support the LCC as the event approaches for any small tasks that need to be done
 - c. Support the LCC during the training session on Sunday
- 4. NAGPS Legislative Platform
 - a. Send comments and revisions to the LCC and cc the legislative concerns committee