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STUDENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS

Saturday, September 14

19:30  Informal Dinner and Welcome

*Please bring cash*

The Dubliner Restaurant
4 F Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20001

Sunday, September 15

Location:
Hall of States
444 North Capitol St. NW, Room 283/285
Washington, DC 20001

8:30  Light breakfast served

9:00  Introduction and NAGPS Legislative Priorities
Meredith Niles, Director of Legislative Affairs, NAGPS

9:45  Higher Education Act and Graduate Student Funding
Jon Fansmith, Associate Director, Office of Government Relations,
American Council on Education

10:30  Break

10:45  Federal R&D Budget: Overview and Outlook
Matt Hourihan, Director, R&D Budget and Policy Program, American
Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS)

11:30  Careers in Public Policy
Heather Dean, PhD, AAAS Fellow, National Science Foundation

12:15  Lunch

13:15  Effectively Talking to Congress: Navigating Capitol Hill and Telling Your Story
Meredith Niles, Director of Legislative Affairs, NAGPS

13:45  What to Expect: A View from Congressional Staff
Carly Robinson, PhD, 2013-2014 AAAS Congressional Science Policy Fellow
Florencio U. Aranda III, Congressional Intern, Office of Pete Gallego (D-TX23)

14:15  Break

14:30  Campaign Overview: *Grads Have Debt 2*
Kristofferson Culmer, Southcentral Region Chair, NAGPS
Jesse Kremenak, Southcentral Legislative Concerns Committee Chair, NAGPS

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15:00  Concurrent Sessions: Take-home Actions for Your Campus

*Open Access and Open Education Resources*
Heather Joseph, Executive Director, Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)

*Immigration Reform*
Lisa Conn, Northeast and Midwest Organizing Director, FWD.US
German Cadenas, Vice President of External Affairs, Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University

16:00  Break

16:15  Small Group Workshops and Lobby Visit Simulations

17:15  Following Up: Making the Most of Your Congressional Visits
James Tsai, JD, Policy Specialist, FaegreBD Consulting

17:45  Closing Remarks
Jared Voskuhl, JD, President & CEO, NAGPS

Dinner on Your Own and Evening in Washington (no organized activities)

**Monday, September 16**

Self-organized Congressional Visits
Capitol Hill

17:00  Debrief Session and Hill Recap
Meredith Niles, Director of Legislative Affairs, NAGPS

Location: Capitol Visitor’s Center, SVC-215

Dinner on Your Own and Evening in Washington (no organized activities)

**Tuesday, September 17**

Self-organized Congressional Visits
Capitol Hill

Depart Washington