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Federal Policy Update

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Agenda

- Authorizations & Appropriations
- FY 2016 Appropriations
- Reauthorizations – HEA & NSF
- Advocacy Efforts



Authorizations & Appropriations

An authorization creates a program and sets the maximum amounts of \$ it can receive.

--creating a checking account

Program then needs to be funded through the appropriations process.

--putting \$ into the account



Appropriations

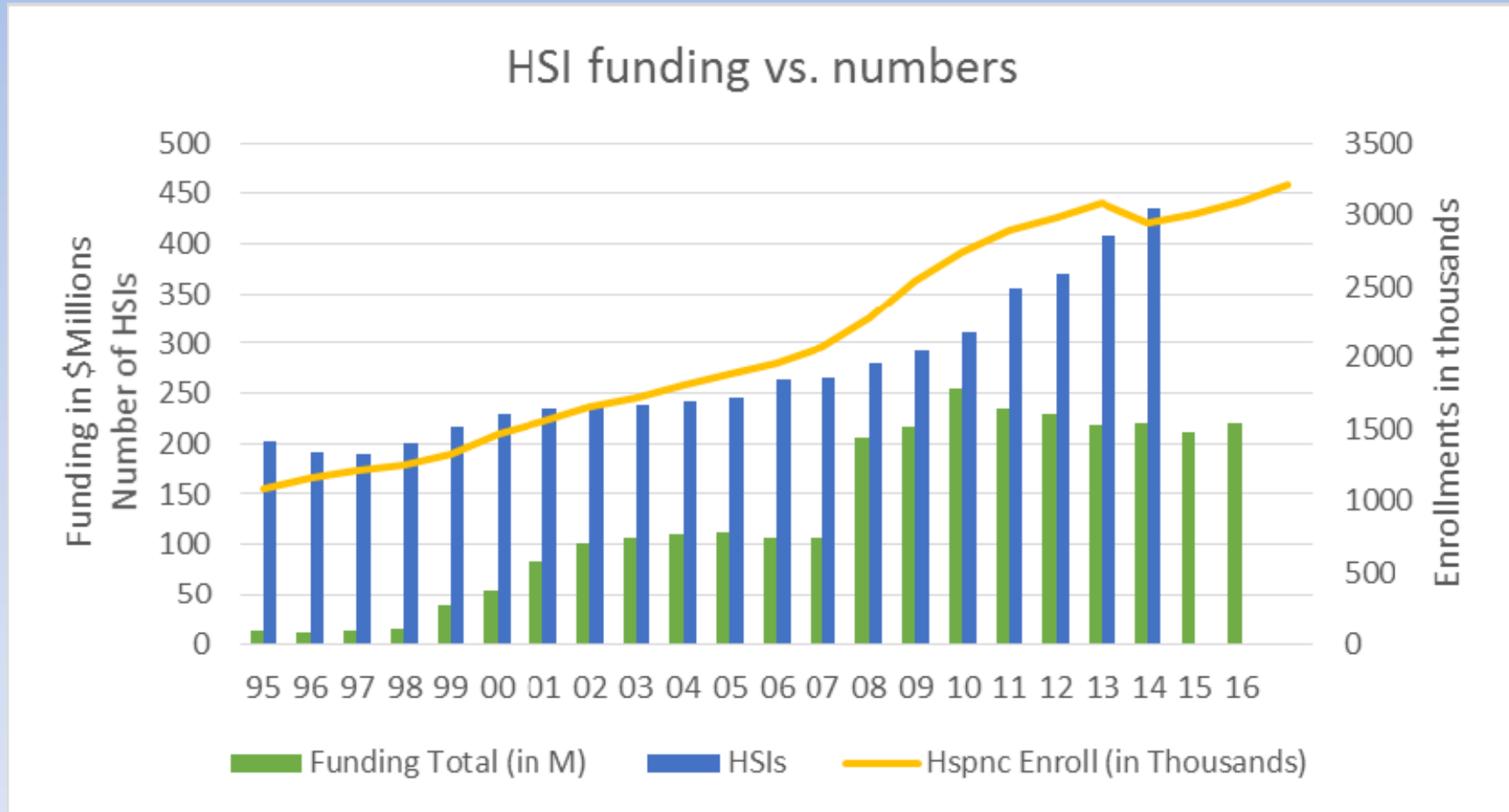
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- National Science Foundation



U.S. Department of Education



HSIs by the Numbers: '95 - '16



***Labor-HHS-Education
Strengthening Hispanic-Serving Institutions:
Title V Part A***

- FY 2016 Request - \$107.8 M
 - FY 2011 - \$104.3
 - FY 2012 - \$100.4M
 - FY 2013 - \$95.4M
 - FY 2014 - \$98.6M
 - FY 2015 – \$100.2M
- President's FY 2017 Budget Request: \$107.8M
- HACU's FY 2017 Budget Request - \$117M



Promoting Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans: Title V - Part B

- Mandatory vs. Discretionary
 - FY 2014 Mandatory funding – \$10.6 M
 - FY 2014 Discretionary– \$8.99 M = \$20 M
- FY 2015 Title V Part B: \$8.99 M
- FY 2016 Title V Part B: \$9.7 M
 - discretionary + no further mandatory funding (\$10.6M)
- President's Budget FY 2017: \$9.7 M
- HACU FY 2016 Request: \$20 M



Status-Title V Appropriations

- House of Representatives Proposal
 - Passed Labor-H bill 1st time in over 6 years
 - Increases Part A funding by \$2.2 million
 - Increases Part B of \$180,000
 - amount intended to cover existing obligations
- Senate Proposal
 - Decrease Part A: \$3 million
 - Decrease Part B: \$270,000



U.S. Department of Agriculture



Agriculture Appropriations

Hispanic Education Partnership Grants Program

- FY 2016 - \$9.2 M
- FY 2015- \$9.2 M
- President's FY 2017 Budget Request: \$9.2 million
- HACU Request - \$40 million



HSACUs Endowment Fund

- FY 2016- \$0 million
- President's FY 2017 Budget Request \$10 M
 - Senate recommendation for FY 2016- \$10 M
- House recommendation - \$0 million
 - (same as last year)
- HACU FY 2017 Request- \$10 million



National Science Foundation



National Science Foundation

- No HSIs program
 - The **only** MSI group not receiving targeted NSF infrastructure development funding.
- HACU Request FY 2017 - \$30 million
 - For a competitive grants program to support HSIs
 - Research
 - Curriculum
 - Infrastructure development, etc.
- President's FY 2017 proposed budget:
 - program for 2-year* institutions
- 2 proposed fixes: legislative or administrative



National Science Foundation

- ...will publish guidance to encourage proposals from HSIs to existing NSF grant programs to support STEM education & research projects, with an emphasis on programs that address broadening participation in the STEM workforce.



National Science Foundation

- The NSF is targeting Hispanic-serving community colleges, as well as four-year institutions, to increase the number of STEM proposals and awards to HSIs and increase the participation of students at Hispanic-serving community colleges in STEM education and research.



Authorizations

- America COMPETES Act
- Higher Education Act



National Science Foundation

- HACU has taken legislative route
- US House of Representatives approved America COMPETES Act reauthorization.
- Includes language:
 - Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the NSF shall establish the program described in section 7033 6 of the America COMPETES Act (42 U.S.C. 1862o–12) for Hispanic-serving institutions...



National Science Foundation

- Senate Consideration—America COMPETES Act
- HACU submitted comments to Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee
- Recruiting a champion



Higher Education Act

- HELP Cmttt released white papers
 - Higher Education Accreditation
 - Risk Sharing: Concepts and Proposals
 - Consumer Information
- HACU submitted policy recommendations



Higher Education Act

- MSI Innovation Fund – Title VII Proposal
 - Improve student achievement.
 - Increase successful recruitment.
 - Improve progress towards graduation.
 - Increase students who pursue STEM degrees.
- HSIs international activities –Title VI



Higher Education Act

- Select HSIs issues:
 - Allowable uses for Title V
 - International education-Yes
 - Medical field students-Not really
 - Dual-designation for Title III & V
 - Multiple awards
 - Request DOE publish a list of HSIs*



Higher Education Act

- America's College Promise
 - Free Community College proposal: impact 9m+
 - Matching grant program
 - Federal government would pay for 75% of the average cost of community college.
 - Participating states required to cover the remaining tuition balance.
 - Save an average of \$3,800 in tuition per year/student.
 - Similar programs implemented: TN, OR and MN.
 - 11 states considered legislation.

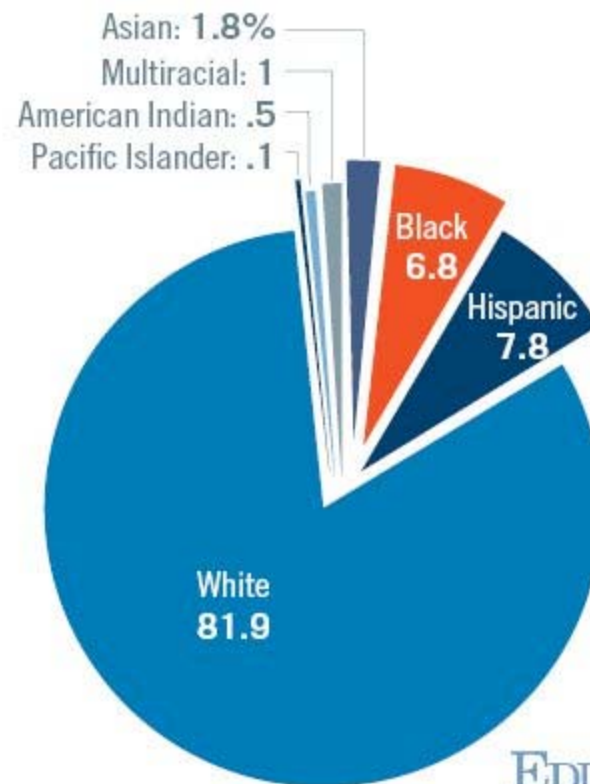


Higher Education Act

- Title II-Teacher Quality Enhancement
 - Support provisions in EPRA (H.R. 4471 & S. 2419)
 - Enhanced Profession-Ready definition for teachers and principals:
 - specifically they have to “demonstrate the ability to work with students who are culturally and linguistically diverse.”

Lack of Diversity-Teachers

Percentage Distribution of Teachers in All U.S. Schools, by Race/Ethnicity, 2011-12



SOURCE: National Center for Education Statistics

EDUCATION WEEK

Higher Education Act

- Teacher Prep Regulations
 - Key Dates
 - The Rating System
 - Creating the Rating
 - Connection to Federal Student Financial Aid
 - HACU's Advocacy Efforts



Higher Education Act

- FAFSA Change: Prior-Prior
 - 2017 FAFSA form available: October 2016
 - Allow the use of 2015 income-tax data
 - Opposed to until January '17 and having to finalize their families' 2016 taxes.
- FAFSA simplification: legislative action pending
- Pell:
 - Enhanced Pell (15 credits); Year-round Pell



Higher Education Act

- Expansion of America's College Promise
 - Rep. Robert Scott (D-VA) & Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
 - New program that sends grants to MSIs-- both public and private -- that eliminate or reduce tuition for low-income students pursuing a bachelor's degree.
 - Would cover 2 years' worth of tuition and fees, capped at the average public 4 year college's in-state tuition, which was about \$9,000 last year.



National HSIs Week

September 12- 18, 2016.

Senate Resolution and Presidential Proclamation

The following were ways HSIs celebrated the week on campus:

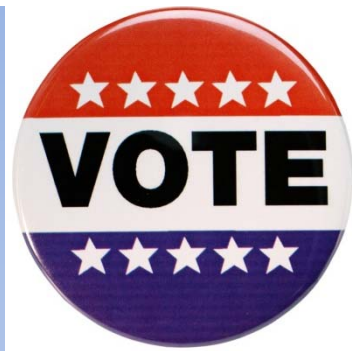
1. **Raise awareness** - Partner with your local newspaper or radio station to advertise National HSIs Week and the events being sponsored by your institution. This increased visibility can highlight the contributions made by HSIs on a local, national, and international scale. Be sure to mention your membership with HACU.
2. **Host a campus forum** - Organize a town hall meeting with students, faculty, staff and community leaders to explore issues of particular interest to the HSI community.
3. **Organize a community-wide activity** - Build and promote campus-community partnerships to address various issues impacting the local community.
4. **Use the Web** - Post acknowledgements of HSIs on your institution's website and download copies of the anticipated Congressional Resolutions and the Presidential Proclamation commemorating this event upon availability.
5. **Showcase your students** - Arrange for your institution's choir, band, cheerleading squad, fraternities or sororities to perform during events held to commemorate National HSIs Week. You may also highlight the week during a sporting event any day that week.
6. **Celebrate National HSIs Week** in your own unique way.



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Encourage family and friends to register AND vote



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