



HACU 29th Annual Conference

Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: Empowering Students, Enhancing Collaboration

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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



Continuing Resolutions (CR)

- Government running on CR - December 11th
 - Funding will stay* at same levels as FY 2015
 - Unknown what will happen after Dec 11th
- *CR includes small across-the-board reduction to keep within the fiscal year 2016 cap level set by the Budget Control Act.
- Prevents government shutdown, allows time to reach larger budget agreement, & complete 2016 full-year Appropriations.



Appropriations

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



U.S. Department of Education



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

- FY 2016 - \$?
 - FY 2010 - \$117M
 - FY 2012 - \$100.4M
 - FY 2013 - \$95.4M
 - FY 2014 - \$98.6M
- FY 2015 - \$100.2 M
- President's FY 2016 Budget Request: \$100.2M
- HACU's FY 2016 Budget Request - \$117M



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

- Mandatory vs. Discretionary
 - FY 2014 Mandatory funding – \$10.6M
 - FY 2012 - \$11.5M
 - Discretionary FY 2015– \$8.99M
 - Drop from \$10.5M in FY 2010
- FY 2016 Title V part B: \$?
 - discretionary + no further mandatory funding (\$10.6M)
- President's Budget FY 2016: \$10.6M
- HACU FY 2016 Request: \$10.6M



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 - \$?
- FY 2015- \$9.2 million
- President's FY 2016 Budget Request: \$9.2 million
 - House & Senate recommendation - \$9.2 million
- HACU Request - \$10 million



HSACUs Endowment Fund

- FY 2015- \$0 million
- President's FY 2016 Budget Request & Senate recommendation - \$10 million
- House recommendation - \$0 million
 - (same as last year)
- HACU 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 2015 - \$30 million
 - For a competitive grants program to support HSIs
 - Research
 - Curriculum
 - Infrastructure development, etc.
- President's FY 2015 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
 - Title III and V Endowment Income
 - 2014 “guidance” from DOE on scholarships & other student aid.



Higher Education Act

- “Guidance” from DOE on use of income for scholarships & other student aid.
- ...We note however, that Section 331(c) (3)(A) of the HEA and the Department’s regulations at 34 CFR §628.45 describe the allowable uses for income from an endowment fund. The use of that income is limited to supporting the operation of the grantee institution and of the endowment fund itself. The HEA and the regulations do not permit these funds to be used for scholarships or financial aid.





Higher Education Act

Income Endowment Coalition



Higher Education Act

Worked to successfully change law: '14 "Cromnibus"

- Section 310 of the Appropriations Act states:
- (a) An institution of higher education that maintains an endowment fund supported with funds appropriated for title III or V of the HEA for fiscal year 2015 may use the income from that fund to award scholarships to students, subject to the limitation in section 331(c)(3)(B)(i) of the HEA. The use of such income for such purposes, prior to the enactment of this Act, shall be considered to have been an allowable use of that income, subject to that limitation.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall be in effect until titles III and V of the HEA are reauthorized.



Higher Education Act

- New DOE guidance
- Section 331(c)(3)(B)(i) of the HEA, which is cross-referenced in paragraph (a) of the new provision, states that an institution may not spend more than 50 percent of the total aggregate endowment fund income earned prior to the time of expenditure. This limitation has been in the law for many years.
- The new law supersedes any guidance on the use of endowment fund income affected institutions may have received from the Department prior to this date. Specifically, grantee institutions are no longer restricted from using (up to 50 percent of) their endowment fund income to support scholarships during FY 2015.



Order is restored ---for now.



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 are considering legislation.



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



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.



What can you do?

- Your participation in advocacy
 - HEA reauthorization discussion
- Social media: [@HACUDC](#)
- Attend: Advocacy & How it Can Benefit You session Monday @ 10:30 am - Room Splash 9
- 21th Capitol Forum - 2016



National HSIs Week

September 14- 20, 2015.

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.



If you're not at the table...

...YOU'RE ON THE TABLE



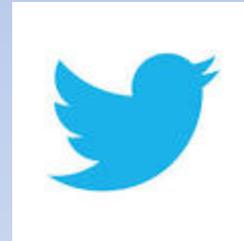


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- Government Relations Staff Twitter account handle: @HACUDC



- Follow us and retweet

- Also on Linked In



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March 14-15, 2016

Washington Marriott at Metro Center
Washington, D.C.



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