

## NAGPS Legislative Concerns Committee Meeting - August 24th 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 Taxation
    - i. Gathering support for H.R. 5078 and H.R. 5600 pre-LAD
  - b. America Competes
    - i. Update on where the bill stands in the senate
  - c. FRPAA
    - i. Update on advocacy efforts of NAGPS member institutions
    - ii. Highlights of the Public Access to Federally-Funded Research hearing which occurred on 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 lobbying issues that were decided upon by the NAGPS executive board
  - b. Refine the timeline for task items that need to be completed before the event
4. Legislative Action Module on Vieth

### Meeting Minutes:

1. Status reports on past action items
  - a. Graduate Student Taxation
    - i. Still no response from emails and phone calls to Representative Higgins office and Representative Pomeroy, will continue with the calling and hopefully get an idea of the timeline for H.R. 5078 and H.R. 5600 as the end of the session approaches
  - b. America COMPETES
    - i. Senate version of the bill passed in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation mostly intact but smaller than the House version, changes included decreasing the funding period from 5 to 3 years
    - ii. Now bill heads to the two other Senate Committees, Energy & Natural Resources and Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions, who have jurisdiction
    - iii. The bill seems to be a priority and should move quickly
  - c. FRPAA
    - i. Continued contacting member universities about open access policies or resolutions on their campuses and who do/would they apply to

- d. Graduate Student Loans
  - i. Average debt around \$100,000 for professional programs and \$30,000 to \$40,000 for PhD programs since most schools support their PhD students
  - ii. Various loan forgiveness programs out there for public service
- 2. Legislative Issues
  - a. Graduate Student Taxation - Chad
    - i. Continue calling the sponsors for H.R. 5600 and H.R. 5708 to get timelines for the bills
    - ii. Draft a leave behind document and talking points sheet for Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD
  - b. America COMPETES - Scott, Chad
    - i. Read the bill language as passed by the Senate committee
    - ii. Draft a letter to Senator's Lieberman and Cornyn about the public access section of America COMPETES and how it could affect FRPAA, contact member universities in TX and CT after the letter is sent to get them involved with these efforts, the goal is to get a Senator to introduce an amendment to the bill on the Senate floor to strip certain language from the bill about a public access interagency working group taking a developing role in public access policies
  - c. FRPAA - Andy, Scott, Richard
    - i. Supporting SPARC's advocacy efforts for the FRPAA bills
    - ii. 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
    - iii. Draft a leave behind document and talking points sheet for Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD
  - d. Student Loan Reform - Conrad
    - i. Draft a leave behind document and talking points sheet for Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD
- 3. Fall 2010 NAGPS Legislative Action Days
  - a. Update event webpage with the latest information
  - b. Schedule lobby visits for the NAGPS leadership delegation
  - c. Submit budget and potential lobbying issues to the NAGPS Executive Committee
  - d. Arrange travel for NAGPS leadership delegation
- 4. General Topics
  - a. Obtain quote for web access to the congressional quarterly which has email addresses and web addresses for legislative staff on Capitol Hill
  - b. NAGPS Legislative Platform needs to be revised before the National Conference, need a revised version on the document distributed to the NAGPS Board of Directors two weeks after the Fall 2010 NAGPS LAD, present the document at LAD and ask for revisions suggestions