



**Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel
Service Council Committee Report
2019 – 2020
(Friday June 5, 2020)**

Committee Name:	Education and Legislation
Committee Chair/Co-Chairs:	Cuauhtemoc “Temo” Solorio
Committee Members (if any):	
Committee Description: Serves as a liaison to the WESTOP Service Council Legislation & Education Committee and Chapter. Researches and reports on any State and National legislation which has an impact on TRIO Programs and/or first generation, low income students. This position also serves as the liaison between the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE), WESTOP, and the SoCal Chapter.	

Committee Goals & Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with WESTOP Leg/Ed Chair in order to align goals with Regional Chapter • Develop plan of action, along with WESTOP Leg/Ed Chair to begin to collect current data program in order to update Fact Book • Assist with the recruitment of Membership to attend Policy Seminar • Assist Membership with identifying means of securing funding in order to attend Policy Seminar

Committee Updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Seminar was conducted 100% virtually • Over 700 TRIO professionals and alumni participated • 225 virtual meetings were held with the House and Senate offices • The Department of Ed will allow electronic signatures for remote work. Signature must have time stamp • You can continue to pay staff while institution is open (part time and student staff) • GANS Should go out on time <p>Pre-College Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VUB Reviewing APR plan and discussions on how to proceed due to closure. • UB must meet the 85% threshold of students served. • Awards for June 1 programs to be out in a timely fashion.



- UB: Send Summer plans to program specialists as soon as you develop them.
- Talent Search: There is a change in the program officers. Changes will be sent soon. Email all questions to Craig Pooler in the meantime.
- GEAR UP Questions to be answered through FAQs provided by the Department of Ed.

College Programs

- McNair: high priority is that you meet the 85% threshold of students served
- SSS Competition is continuing and awards should be announced early summer
- SSS must meet 50% of students served
- Current bills in Congress have a waiver in them for SSS grant aide
- No restriction to moving money from one budget line item to another except equipment and travel.
- SSS: Can move money into grant aid from other line items as long as it does not change the scope of your project.
- Can only use 20% of your budget on grant aid

Recommendations

- No recommendations at this time

Action Items

- **Policy ask:**
 - **Provide \$248 million in immediate emergency grant aid** to TRIO Student Support Services students to make up for lost wages from part-time jobs;
 - **Provide \$200 million immediately to all TRIO programs** for technology and Internet so students can complete coursework online and connect to support staff; and
 - **Tighten broad waiver language in the COVID-19 Phase 3 legislation** Congress passed last week, to prevent repurposing TRIO funds.
- **Phase 4 Request:**
 - \$450,000,000 emergency funding for TRIO programs
 - All TRIO programs:
 - \$164,000,000
 - 15% increase to serve an additional 330,000 students
 - EOC:
 - \$32,000,000
 - Increase program capacity by 50%; additional 144,000 additional unemployed adults will have opportunity to earn GED, financial aid, and college application assistance
 - TS:



- \$54,000,000
- 25% increase to serve an additional 139,000 students
- Technology Support for TRIO Students and Families
 - \$200,000,000
 - Assist with hardware, broadband, and software

Respectfully Submitted,

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