



**Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel
Service Council Committee Report
2019 – 2020
(Wednesday March 11, 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 taking place March 22-25 in Washington D.C • Currently working/communicating with Team Leaders and WESTOP Delegation in order to assure that we secure appointments with all members of Congress • Request to meet with Senators Harris and Feinstein have been submitted, awaiting response from their respective offices

Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recommendations at this time



Action Items

- Administration is proposing to “consolidate TRIO into a single, state block grant program and slash overall funding for the programs by 13% or \$140 million... as well as consolidating TRIO with GEAR UP and CAMP (College Access Migrant Program), which are currently funded at \$365 million and \$45.6 million, respectively.” WE NEED TO VOICE OUR CONCERN REGARDING THIS PROPOSAL, IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING POLICY SEMINAR, TAKE THE DAY OFF AND VISIT YOUR LOCAL OFFICES!
- WESTOP SoCal Congressional Members include; Ken Calvert (District 42), Lucille Roybal-Allard (District 40), Pete Aguilar (District 31), Norma Torres (District 35), Senator Diane Feinstein

Respectfully Submitted,

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