

# Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel Service Council Committee Report 2019 – 2020

(Friday December 13, 2019)

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**

- 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**

- U.S. Department of Education sent a draft SSS request for proposal (RFP) and their workshop PowerPoint presentation to everyone who registered for their Student Support Services preapplication workshops. (copy and paste this link for the documents) <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12FQMFM9wJrcMXqD2A0NHsZ-6TNzzBpTe?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12FQMFM9wJrcMXqD2A0NHsZ-6TNzzBpTe?usp=sharing</a>).
- SSS competition final release and due date is not known at this time, COE will continue to communicate any updates
- COE will host webinars upon learning more information on Competitive Priorities and Rationales
- EOC, SSS, and TS APR's will close on 12/6/2019
- UB/UBMS APR open date is tentatively scheduled for 12/9/2019





- Comments for McNair and UB/UBMS have closed
- Congress is working on finalizing the Appropriations Package for FY 2020. The current plan is to bundle the bills into two packages, but it is unclear which bills will be grouped together. If a yearlong CR for the LHHS bill, it would jeopardize the \$100 million increase put forward by the House of Representatives for TRIO

### Recommendations

• No recommendations at this time

### **Action Items**

- Imperative that TRIO supporters reach out to their Members of Congress to urge them to "support the \$100 million funding increase for TRIO!"
- 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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