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NYU Government Affairs: Advocacy Priorities and the Federal Budget Process

Office of Government Affairs: Federal, State & City Advocacy

What We Care About:

- Student Aid Funding
- Federal Research Funding
- University Tax Issues, Endowments
- Student Aid & Research Regulations
- Immigration & Visa Policies
- Labor & Employment Issues

Current NYU Policy Priorities

- Appropriations
 - FY2020 Appropriations Cycle
- Higher Education Act (HEA)
 - Core Student Aid Programs (Pell, Work Study, SEOG)
 - Establishment of Accountability Metrics
 - Title IX Sexual Assault Regulations
 - Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Programs
 - Campus Free Speech
 - Increase in higher education regulations over time

Current NYU Policy Priorities

- Immigration & Student Mobility
 - Trump Immigration Executive Order, .i.e. Extreme Vetting for Students and Scholars
 - Deferred Action on Childhood Arrival (DACA)
 - Visa/OPT Delays
 - Research Science and Security (i.e. China)
- Taxes
 - Charitable Giving & Endowments
 - Implementation of Tax Cuts & Jobs Act
 - Employee Tax Benefits & Tuition Remission

Federal FY2020 Appropriations – Current State of Play

- Federal Budget Caps – Budget Control Act of 2011
- Federal Debt Limit
- Possibility of Another Federal Government Shutdown
- Recent Increases in Federal Research Funding
- New Yorkers in Key Positions

Research Funding - Challenges

Science and Security

- Integrity of Academic Research, i.e. China
- Confucius Institutes and DOD Classified Research
- Huawei/Thousand Talents Program
- NYU Shanghai
- Congressional Proposals

Research Funding – Additional Challenges

- Restrictions on Types of Research/Attacks on Science
 - Gun Violence Research
 - Social Science Research
 - Climate Change Research
 - Fetal Tissue Research

State Initiatives & Vulnerabilities

- Gov. Cuomo's Excelsior Free Public Tuition (SUNY/CUNY) Program
- Attempts to tie student aid funding to tuition increases
- STEM & Teacher Scholarship Programs Parity with SUNY/CUNY
- State Education Department (SED) Approval of Academic Programs

State and City Opportunities

- NYU in Brooklyn & 370 Jay Street Opening
- Economic Development Programs
 - Incubators
 - Regional Economic Development Councils
 - Digital Gaming Hubs

Forms of Advocacy

- Personal Relationships
 - Staff Members with New York Members of Congress
 - Staff of Key Congressional Committees
 - Federal Agency Staff
- Bringing NYU to Washington DC
 - Advocacy Days
 - Individual Faculty, Deans and Administrators
- Higher Education Associations
 - Association of American Universities
 - National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
 - The Science Coalition
 - Nursing Deans Coalition, LEARN
 - Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (clcu)