

WASHINGTON UPDATE
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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, the House and Senate are expected to vote on an emergency funding bill to combat COVID-19. Last Friday, UC FGR shared the University's requests for the bill with the California congressional delegation.
- On Tuesday, voters will go to the polls in 14 states as part of Super Tuesday. In California, one of the races on the ballot is a special election to replace former Rep. Katie Hill, who represented CA-25 and stepped down from Congress last year. If one of the candidates running receives at least 50 percent of the votes, that person will be declared the winner. If that does not happen, the top two candidates will proceed to a run-off election on May 12.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- This week, a delegation from UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Riverside and California's agricultural and forestry industries are in Washington, D.C. for the annual Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) meeting and Capitol Hill advocacy days. FGR is coordinating the congressional meetings and providing advocacy support.
- On Thursday, a researcher from UC Santa Cruz will be in Washington, D.C. for the Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST) advocacy day. FGR will staff the meetings and provide advocacy support.
- Last week, researchers from UCLA and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory were in Washington, D.C. to participate in Fusion Energy Day on Capitol Hill.
- Last week, UC's National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement held its second annual conference, #SpeechMatters2020, at the UC Washington Center.

VISITORS TO WASHINGTON

- **Glenda Humiston**, vice president; **Kathy Eftekhari**, chief of staff; **Wendy Powers**, associate vice president; **Tu Tran**, associate vice president of business operations; **Anne Megaro**, director of government and community relations; **Jhalendra Rijal**, area integrated pest management advisor; **Marcel Horowitz**, healthy youth, families and communities advisor; and **Kamal Khaira**, director of the UC CalFresh nutrition education program, **UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources**; **Dan Sanchez**, assistant specialist in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management, **UC Berkeley**; **Kathy Eiler**, director of federal relations, **UC Riverside**; and **Brandon Minto**, director of federal relations, **UC Davis** – along with industry representatives – will be in Washington, D.C. for the APLU CARET annual meeting and advocacy days.

- **Shannon Jackson**, associate vice chancellor for the arts and design, and **Michelle Moskowitz**, director of advocacy and institutional relations, **UC Berkeley**, will be in Washington, D.C. for Capitol Hill and agency meetings.
- **Jennifer Poulakidas**, associate vice chancellor of government and community relations; **Ashley Fumiko Dominguez**, assistant director of federal relations; and **Hillary MacInnes Galey**, assistant director of federal relations, **UCLA**; and **Gina Banks Daly**, director of federal relations, **UC Berkeley**, will be in Washington, D.C. for the APLU and Association of American Universities meetings.
- **Cori Lucero**, executive director of government and community relations, **UC Merced**, will be in Washington, D.C. for the APLU meeting.
- **Ryan Foley**, assistant professor in the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, **UC Santa Cruz**, will be in Washington, D.C. for NASA WFIRST advocacy.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- [UC's FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker](#)
- [UC's FY 2021 Budget Request Overview](#)
- Upcoming Congressional Activity:
 - On Tuesday, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, "A Review of the FY 2021 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security."
 - On Tuesday, the State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "U.S. Agency for International Development Budget Request for FY 2021."
 - On Tuesday, the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Department of Energy Applied Energy Programs' Budget Requests for FY 2021."
 - On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The President's FY 2021 Budget Request for the Department of Energy."
 - On Wednesday, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Budget Request for FY 2021."
 - On Wednesday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "National Institutes of Health Budget Request for FY 2021."
 - On Wednesday, the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Hearing titled "Examining the Department of the Interior's Spending Priorities and the President's FY 2021 Budget Proposal."
 - On Wednesday, the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold

a hearing titled, “Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration.”

- On Wednesday, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the proposed budget estimates and justification for FY 2021 for the Interior Department.
- On Wednesday, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the proposed budget estimates and justification for FY 2021 for the Transportation Department.
- On Wednesday, the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on proposed budget estimates and justification for FY 2021 for the Energy Department.
- On Thursday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the proposed budget estimates and justification for FY 2021 for the Education Department.
- On Thursday, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the proposed budget estimates and justification for FY 2021 for the Commerce Department.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Combatting an Epidemic: Legislation to Help Patients with Substance Use Disorders,” which will look at [H.R. 3414](#), the Opioid Workforce Act of 2019, among other legislation.
- On Tuesday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Reducing Childhood Poverty.”
- On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, “An Emerging Disease Threat: How the U.S. Is Responding to COVID-19, the Novel Coronavirus.”
- On Wednesday, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Confronting the Coronavirus: Perspectives on the Response to a Pandemic Threat.”
- On Wednesday, the National Security Subcommittee of the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled, “U.S. Biodefense and Response to the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak.”
- On Wednesday, the Environment Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will markup [H.R. 5519](#), the Atmospheric Climate Intervention Research Act, among other legislation.
- On Wednesday, the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled, “From SARS to Coronavirus: Examining the Role of Global Aviation in Containing the Spread of Infectious Disease.”

- On Wednesday, the Commerce, Aviation and Space Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, "From SARS to Coronavirus: Examining the Role of Global Aviation in Containing the Spread of Infectious Disease."
- On Thursday, the Modernization Subcommittee of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Getting It Right: Challenges with the Go-live of Electronic Health Record Modernization."
- On Thursday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Beyond Coronaviruses: Understanding the Spread of Infectious Diseases and Mobilizing Innovative Solutions."
- On Thursday, the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Federal Interagency Response to the Coronavirus and Preparing for Future Global Pandemics."

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