THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate is in session.
- This week the Senate is expected to take up the nominations of James Trainor III to be a member of the Federal Election Commission and Anna Manasco, John Heil III, John Leonard Badalamenti and Scott Rash to be district judges.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- On Monday, the campus vice chancellors for research and lab deputy directors will host a call with NSF’s Chief Operating Officer Fleming Crim to discuss the University’s priorities to restore the research enterprise.
- On Tuesday, FGR will host “The Education Stabilization Fund,” its third virtual congressional briefing regarding the University’s COVID-19 response. This briefing will feature financial aid directors and will focus on the distribution of funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.
- Last week, FGR continued its ongoing advocacy related to COVID-19:
  - On May 14, FGR and SGR launched a joint UCAN phone call campaign in support of additional federal funding for the University and the state of California.
  - On May 14, UC Health’s Executive Vice President Carrie Byington sent a letter to members of the California congressional delegation thanking them for their support and highlighting policy measures included in the HEROES Act.

FY 2021 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- UC’s FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker
- UC’s FY 2021 Funding Priorities
- UC’s FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations committee will hold a hearing titled, “Department of Veterans Affairs - Response to COVID-19.”
- On Tuesday, the House Natural Resources Committee Democrats will hold a virtual roundtable titled, “Crossing the Species Barrier: The Growing Threat of Wildlife Disease to Human Health and What We Can Do About It.” Christine Kreuder Johnson, professor of epidemiology and ecosystem health at the School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis, will participate.
• On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency.”
• On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will markup S. 3704, Advancing Technological Manufacturing Act, and the Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2020, among other legislation. The committee will also consider the nomination of Neil Jacobs to be under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere, among other nominations.
• On Wednesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark Wesley Menezes to be deputy secretary of energy.

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