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**U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Briefing on Impact of Federal Financial Aid Programs on Minority Student Enrollment at BA-granting Colleges and Universities**

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will examine the extent to which financial aid funding and awards under the Higher Education Act of 1964 (HEA) and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) affect enrollment rates of minority students in colleges and universities awarding bachelors’ degrees. The Commission will also determine if the campus-based aid program formulas and funding levels create or exacerbate racial, ethnic or national origin disparities in enrollment rates.

**WHAT:** Briefing on Impact of Select Federal Financial Aid Programs on Minority Student Enrollment at BA-granting Colleges and Universities

**WHEN:** May 28, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET  
and  
May 29, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET

**WHERE:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights  
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1150  
Washington, DC 20425 (Entrance on F Street NW)

**AGENDA:**

**DAY 1**

**Opening Remarks:** 11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

**Panel I:** 11:30 a.m. —12:00 p.m. – Financial Funding Formula Experts

- Dr. F. King Alexander, Louisiana State University

**Lunch Break:** 12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.

**Panel II:** 1:00 p.m.—2:45 p.m. – Federal Government Officials

- Dan Weinberg, Ph.D., Census Bureau
- Dr. John Gawalt, National Science Foundation
- Dr. Tashe Inniss, National Science Foundation
- Valeria Carranza, Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Break: 2:45 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Panel III:** 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. – Socio-Economic Mobility and Family Structure I

- Fabian T. Pfeffer, University of Michigan
- Roger Clegg, Center for Equal Opportunity
- Diana Elliott, Pew Trusts
- Dr. William Flores, University of Houston-Downtown, The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

**Panel IV:** 4:30 p.m. —6:00 p.m. - Socio-Economic Mobility and Family Structure II

- Kati Haycock, The Education Trust
- Rita Pin Ahrens, Southeast Asian Resource Action Center
- Stephan Thernstrom, Harvard University
- Leticia Bustillos, Ph.D, National Council of La Raza

## **DAY 2**

**Opening Remarks** 9:00 a.m.—9:10 a.m.

**Panel I:** 9:10 a.m. —10:30 a.m. – Federal Government Officials

- Professor Stella Flores, Vanderbilt University

**Panel II:** 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. – University System Heads

- Dr. Timothy P. White, The California State University
- Scott Miller, University of Virginia
- Maurice Apprey, University of Virginia
- Vijay Pendakur, Cal State- Fullerton
- Dr. Darrick Hamilton, New School of Public Affairs

Lunch Break—12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Panel III:** 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. – Scholars I

- Neal McCluskey, CATO Institute for Economic Freedom
- Ron Haskins, Brookings Institute
- Michelle Siqueiros, The Campaign for College Opportunity
- Anne Neal, American Council of Trustees and Alumni

Break—2:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m.

**Panel IV:** 2:45 p.m. —4:15 p.m. – Scholars II

- Megan McClean, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
- Richard Vedder, Center for College Affordability and Productivity
- Elizabeth Baylor, Center for American Progress
- Victor Goode, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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