



2020 National Elections & the Community College Agenda

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Topics



➢ 117th Congress

- ≻House of Representatives
- ≽Senate
- Congressional Environment and Policy Parameters
- ➢ President
 - ≻Vote Exit Polls—General
 - Vote Exit Polls—Education Level and Voting Behavior
- Il6th Congress Lame Duck Session
 - ► AACC Agenda and Advocacy

➢Biden Administration

- Campaign Positions
- Regulatory Priorities (Anticipated)
- Political Appointment Positions

House of Representatives 117th Congress



Democratic Losses - at least 6

- Slimmer Majority
- ➢ Reduced Pelosi Clout?
- ➢ History Suggests Mid-term Losses in 2022
- > Leadership Education & Labor Comm.
 - ≻Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) Chair
 - Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC) Ranking Member
 - New Chair Of Subcommittee On Higher Education And Workforce Investment
- Leadership Appropriations
 - Chair Vacant Selection by Democratic Steering And Policy Committee (Contender: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

Senate 117th Congress



Continued Republican Control Likely Hinges On GA Runoffs – History Suggests **Republicans Have Edge** > HELP Committee Chair Open - Contenders \triangleright Rand Paul (R-KY) ➢ Richard Burr (R-NC) Susan Collins (R-ME) Collins Has Shown Great Interest in Higher Ed. Ranking Member ➢ Patty Murray (D-WA)

Congressional Environment--General



Biden/McConnell Dynamic Key to Success; 60 Votes Needed to Move Bills
Gridlock Likely

Importance of Regulatory Activity
True Even if Dems Gain Control
Budget Reconciliation Possible

Budget Caps Gone

Expiration of 2011 Budget Control Act
Likely Resistance to Major Spending Increases by Republicans

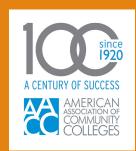
Presidential Vote Exit Polls--General



> Voting Factors

- Economy Matters Most (35%)
- ≻COVID -19 Matters Most (17%)
- ▶71% Racism Important, 26% Minor or No Problem
- ≻41% Better Off Than Four Years Ago, 20%
 - Worse Off
- Expect Better Life for Next Gen. (57%), Expect Worse Life (20%)

Presidential Vote Exit Polls-General – Cont'd



≻Trump Voters

- ➢ Increase in African Americans, Latinos & Males
- ➢ Family Income >\$100,000 (54%)
- ≻Better off than Four Years Ago (72%)
- ≻Racism Minor or No Problem (82%)

➢ Biden Voters

- ➢ Family Income <\$100,000 (56%)</p>
- ≻Worse Off Than Four Years Ago (74%)
- ≻Racism An Important Matter (71%)

Presidential Vote Exit Polls-Education Level and Voting Behavior



 Higher Educational Attainment Correlates with Voting Democratic
 Never Attended College 54% Trump – 46% Biden
 Earned Associate Degree 50% Trump – 47% Biden
 Earned Bachelor's Degree or Higher 37% Trump – 62% Biden

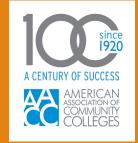
 White Males
 Without College 70% Trump
 College Graduates 51% Trump

ll6th Congress Lame Duck Session

Congress Reconvenes Week of Nov. 16

Continuing Resolution Expires Dec. Il Will Appropriations Be For Whole Year Or Through Early 2021?

 Senate Appropriations Released Nov. 10
 Pell Grant Maximum Increase \$150
 Perkins CTE Increase \$75 Million
 Strengthening Community College Training Grants Zero Funding



Pandemic-directed Appropriations Legislation (CARES Act 2.0) Possible

AACC Advocacy Priorities Through 2020



Stimulus Legislation - Funding

- \$120 Billion Direct Funding to Institutions (Up From \$46.6B)
- ≻Maximum Flexibility for Spending
- Estimating Institutional Need Challenging
- ➢ Title III and V Aid Key
- Stimulus Legislation Other Provisions
 COVID-19-Specific Liability Protection (Republican Priority)
 Community College Job Training Program (Senate Dems.' Education/Child Care Bill)
 Aid to State and Local Governments

AACC Advocacy Priorities Through 2020 -Cont'd



≻FY 2021 Appropriations

- ➢ Mostly Steady-State Outcome Expected
- ➢ House and Senate Legislation Increase Pell Grant Maximum by \$150 (From Current \$6,345)
- Strengthening Community College Training Program Grants Big Priority
 - House increases by \$10M to \$50M Senate – No Funding
 - First Round of Applications Submitted October 8

Biden Campaign Priorities



> Debt-free Community College (Or Other High-Quality Training) > Free Public Colleges for Families With Incomes < \$125,000 Double Pell Grant Maximum Simplify Loan Repayment & Increase Income-based Repayment Create Community College Success Grant Program (Provision in CAA) > \$50 Billion in Workforce Training, Including Business Partnerships and Apprenticeships

Biden Campaign Priorities – Cont'd

\$8 Billion for Community College Facilities and Technology

State Student Grants to Complete Faster (Secondary School Partnership)

Regulate Private Loans; Allow Discharge Through Bankruptcy

Invest in Minority-Serving Institutions and HBCUs



Increase Support for Title III and Other Institutions

Biden Regulatory Agenda (Anticipated)



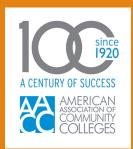
➢ Reinstate DACA

- Implement Variety of Loan Repayment
 Provisions (Pandemic Period and Beyond)
 Enhancing IBR
 - Suspending Loan Repayments and Interest Accrual for Low-Income Borrowers During Pandemic
- > Make IBR Enrollment Automatic
- Regulate For-Profit Sector
 - Reinstate Gainful Employment and Borrower Defense Regulations
 - Include Veterans' Education Benefits in 90/10 Calculation
- Repeal Trump Administration's Title IX Regulation (New Policies Pending)

Open Political Appointments: White House

Office of Management and Budget
 Director
 Associate Director, Human Resources

White House Domestic Policy Council
 Key Policymaking Posts



Open Political Appointments: Executive Agencies - ED



Secretary of Education (Historically and Likely to be K-12 Post)

- Deputy Secretary of Education (#2 Position, Possibly Higher Education)
- Undersecretary of Education

(e.g., Martha Kanter, Ted Mitchell, Diane Auer Jones; May have Deputies)

Secretary for Postsecondary Education (e.g., Robert King – Student Aid and Higher Education Program Deputies)

>Assistant Secretary for Occupational,

Technical and Adult Education (e.g., Scott Stump)

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community

Colleges (e.g., Mark Mitsui and Casey Sacks)

Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid

Open Political Appointments: Executive Agencies - DOL

Secretary of Labor

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training (e.g., Jane Oates and John Pallasch)



Questions?

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2021 Community College National Legislative Summit February 8-10 <u>https://www.nls.acct.org/</u>