



## 2020 COMMITTEE REPORT

**Committee:** Public Policy Committee

**Committee Chair Names:**

**NAPE Executive Committee: Michael Tinsley, Chair**

**NAPEEF Board: Lou Ann Hargrave, Vice Chair**

**Committee Members Names:**

**NAPE Support:** Lisa R. Ransom (Senior Policy Advisor)

**Committee Objectives:**

- Represent the interests of NAPE, its members, and constituents before Congress and federal agencies and with our coalition partners.
- Monitor and inform NAPE Executive Committee, NAPE Education Foundation Board and membership about key legislation and policy.
- Make recommendations to the NAPE Executive Committee and NAPE Foundation Board of on congressional legislation and federal policy.

**Progress (2019-20):**

- Provided public policy oversight of proposed federal laws and policies that may impact the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act directly or indirectly as they pertain to nontraditional students, special populations, and other diverse populations.
- Provided regular policy updates to membership.
- Monitored Higher Education legislation's progress and related legislation that impact nontraditional students, special populations, and other diverse populations.
- Maintained participation in the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE) and serves as the leader of the New Member Task Force.
- Maintained membership in a national recognized civil rights coalition, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCR) as well as the Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce (CIAW).
- Continue support of congressional caucuses which foster neutral but positive position(s), which provided an opportunity to offer evidence and data as leveraging tools. Caucuses included, but are not limited to: Congressional CTE Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Tri-Caucus, the Higher Education Caucus and Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues.
- Participated in numerous meetings with congressional members and staff/key committee members/staff and CTE caucus members – independently and with multiple coalition partners to advocate for equity in upcoming laws slated for reauthorization.
- Maintained solid working relationships with the Women's Bureau, the Office of Apprenticeships, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in the U.S Department of Labor, and the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) at the U.S. Department of Education.



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- Maintain relationship with the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program at the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity at NASA.
- Maintain direct relationship and interaction with Congressional Leadership (Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn) and staff along with Chairman Scott – House Committee on Education and Labor; Chairman Alexander-Senate HELP Committee; Chairwoman Waters – House Financial Services Committee (student loans); and their staff as well as House and Senate CTE Caucus leadership.
- Continued development, outreach coordination and oversight of Public Policy activities to include assistance in securing a new Public Policy location at a discounted rate (which was fully refunded), workshop tracks, congressional delegation meetings, development of congressional ‘fly-in’ information packets, and presenters for Public Policy Day congressional member and administration participation for 2020. Secured closing keynote Summit presenter. Unfortunately, after the completion of its planning, it was cancelled due to the COVID-19.
- Worked closely with National Journal to develop NAPE’s next level public policy state fact sheets, legislative one-pagers for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress as well as a NAPE Public Policy COVID-19 Stimulus in Education Equity document (to be completed in late April 2020) to share with Members of Congress and NAPE members.
- Consistently informed NAPE Public Policy Committee members, EC and EF officers of congressional and Administration actions pertaining to COVID-19, Phases 1-3 of the Stimulus process to include the funding support for small business and nonprofit forgivable loans, providing the application and direction for NAPE to submit its funding request.

### **To-do List (Present and Future Goals for 2019-20):**

- To finalize action (including timelines, comprehensive, operational budget, public policy staff/interns, national public policy-focused funding sources, physical presence in Washington, D.C.) to improve and expand the Public Policy infrastructure in order to build a stronger public policy force to create, maintain and strengthen equity language in legislation that impacts HEA, CTE and federal Equity provisions.
- Support and contribute to NAPE’s Strategic Planning initiative by providing recommendations as it pertains the public policy.
- Continue to advocate for NAPE’s position on all equity aspects federal legislation related to educational equity.
- Continue partnership with Campaign to Invest in America’s Workforce (CIAW) Coalition to develop/lead strategic outreach efforts to collaborate with the new CIAW Caucus and other key congressional caucuses.
- Continue coalition partnership with the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Education Task Force.
- Continue coalition partnership with the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education
- Monitor equity language in related laws and policies that may impact HEA, CTE, Title VI and Title IX offer language that may improve equity initiatives in laws relevant to HEA and CTE other Equity focused legislation.
- Continue to partner with associations with common missions.
- Build new relationships and improve existing relationships with associations with common missions; leverage opportunities to enhance NAPE’s public policy mission and impact.



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- Build and maintain relationships with Congressional members and staff serving on critical committees impacting HEA and CTE.
- Secure Congressional, national nonprofit/civil rights, organized Labor and corporate Leadership participation in 2021 Public Policy Day activities; establish and maintain a permanent public policy workshop track and congressional delegation meetings as part of the Summit; plan for next year.
- Review Public Policy consultant's proposed contract to ensure balance between fiscal support and the NAPE/NAPE Foundation Strategic Plan priority for Public Policy/Advocacy.
- Adjust contractual agreement as necessary to ensure no interruptions in contractual services.
- Create and/or secure research through our Public Policy Committee SME, our vendor National Journal and through collaborative partners that is essential for the justification of equity language in legislation so that legislators can be persuaded with research findings rather than opinions.
- Provide leadership to NAPE members in regards to maintaining/regaining the same level of effort as was outlined in the MOA guidance prior to the Administration's recent weakened MOA procedures.

**Submitted by:** Michael Tinsley, Chairman, Public Policy