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Agenda

- Welcome and Warm-Up Questions
- Governmental Relations update
- Initial Thoughts Discussion
- Individual, Institutional, and Community Impacts
- Q&A
- Deeper Dive Breakout
- Wrap-Up and Final Thoughts

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AASCU Washington Policy Update

**Join the AASCU Government Relations team
as we discuss policy issues of the day:**

- Expected Second Trump Administration Policy Agenda
- Impact of budget reconciliation on higher education funding
- Rollback of Biden Era Regulations
- FY25 appropriations outlook
- Shifts in congressional leadership

What Happened Last Week?

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

- A decisive **victory** for Donald J. Trump

SENATE RACES

- Republicans **flipped** the chamber 53 R– 47 D (inc. 2 Is)*
- Four seats were flipped by Republicans*
- 1 Senate vacancy (TBD)

HOUSE RACES

- Republicans **held** control of the chamber, currently at 218 R – 209 D (Seven races still undecided)
- Seven seats flipped to Democrats; Seven seats flipped to Republicans
- Three vacancies left (red districts)



What Do We Know Now?

- ~ 23 Cabinet Nominees Announced
- Seven House Races Undecided
- One Senate Race Sent to Recount





Cabinet Appointments

Cabinet Announcements (**As of 11/15**)

President-elect Donald Trump's picks for his new administration

These are the positions Trump has formally announced so far.



Susie Wiles

White House
chief of staff



Marco Rubio

Secretary
of State



Pete Hegseth

Secretary
of Defense



Matt Gaetz

Attorney
General



Kristi Noem

Secretary of the
Department of
Homeland Security



Tulsi Gabbard

Director of National
Intelligence



Elise Stefanik

Ambassador to
the United Nations



Mike Huckabee

Ambassador
to Israel



Steve Witkoff

Special envoy to
the Middle East



Mike Waltz

National security
adviser



John Ratcliffe

CIA
director



Lee Zeldin

Environmental
Protection Agency
administrator



Bill McGinley

White House
counsel



Elon Musk

Department of
Government
Efficiency



Vivek Ramaswamy

Department of
Government
Efficiency



Doug Collins
Secretary of
Veterans Affairs



Tom Homan

"Border czar"



Dan Scavino

Deputy chief
of staff



Stephen Miller

Deputy chief of staff
for policy and
homeland security
adviser



James Blair

Deputy chief of staff
for legislative,
political and public
affairs



Taylor Budowich

Deputy chief of staff
for communications
and personnel



Doug Burgum
Secretary of
Interior



Todd Blanche
Deputy Attorney
General



Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
Secretary of Health
and Human Services

Potential Picks for U.S. Secretary of Education

Virginia Foxx

Current Chairwoman, House Education and Workforce Committee



Christopher F. Rufo

Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute; New College of FL (Board Member)



Ryan Walters

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma



Cade Brumley

State Superintendent of Education, Louisiana





Expected Executive Actions

What's on the Chopping Block?

- Increased Oversight: Congressional Review Act
 - Overturned/Rescinded Biden Actions
- Funding Pots:
 - Federal Work Study
 - Pell Surplus
 - Cuts & Level Funding
- Student Loan Forgiveness:
 - IDR/SAVE Plan
 - PSLF
- Executive Actions:
 - Title IX regulations (Trans students in athletics)
 - Travel Ban, Immigration/Visas

Trump 2.0 Higher Ed Agenda

- Dismantling the Department of Education
- Opposing “woke agendas” and “divisive” DEI proposals
- Tax university endowments
- Increase CTE and workforce skill development



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Potential Policy Actions

Potential Action	Republican President	
	DEM HOUSE GOP SENATE	GOP HOUSE GOP SENATE
Elimination of DOE	Very Unlikely	Unlikely
Student Loan Forgiveness	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Free Community College	Very Unlikely	Very Unlikely
"Risk-Sharing" (Standalone Legislation)	Possible	Likely
"American Academy" Proposal	Very Unlikely	Possible
Repeal of Title IX provisions	Likely	Very Likely

- While full elimination of the Department is unlikely, offices, staff and functions can be moved by the administration.
- Trump and Republicans have expressed support for Income Driven Repayment plans but reject the SAVE plan established by President Biden.
- While there is some bipartisan support for risk sharing proposals, it is unlikely to pass outside a full HEA reauthorization.
- Likely scenarios are reversion of Title IX protections to the 'DeVos Rules' and a rollback of protections for transgender student athletes.

Source: National Journal Presentation Center

Potential Funding Actions

	Republican President	
Potential Action	DEM HOUSE GOP SENATE	GOP HOUSE GOP SENATE
Cut Education Funding	Likely	Very Likely
DEI-Title IV Cuts	Likely	Very Likely
Title II / Teacher Prep Funding Cuts	Likely	Very Likely
Expansion of Pell Grants	Possible	Unlikely
Postsecondary Success / Completion Grants	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
TRIO Expansion	Likely	Possible

- Previous GOP proposals cutting OCR, FSA, and Department staff serve as a preview of potential budgets under a Republican controlled Congress.
- Trump and Republicans have expressed a desire to cut Title IV access for schools that promote "woke" DEI curriculum and policies.
- Republicans view teacher preparation as the purview of states and will likely seek federal disinvestment.
- While direct cuts to Pell grants are unlikely, full funding of the program is uncertain at best and may have the same effect.
- A Biden initiative, look for a Trump budget to cut these recent budgetary additions.
- Republicans have traditionally been supportive of the TRIO program; it is not unreasonable to believe they could be spared from major cuts.

Source: National Journal Presentation Center

Probable Early Actions



Deportations & Visa Denials

- Expanded deportations and increased visa scrutiny were key campaign talking points, chilling student and faculty recruitment.

Expanded Accreditation

- Trump has promised to upend 'Marxist' accreditors while deregulating the federal accreditor approval process.



Privatize Student Loans

- End Biden's student loan forgiveness plans and revert to a pre-Obama private student loan system.



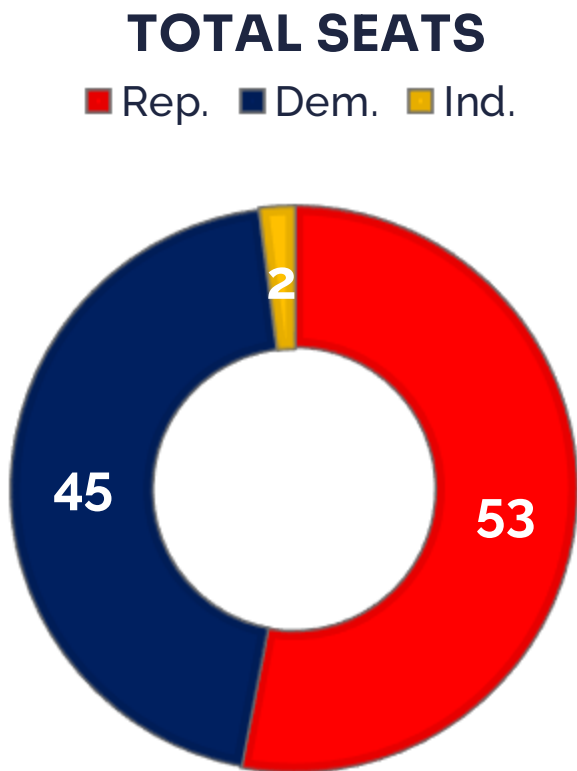
Research Funding Cuts

- Use of budget reconciliation process to make significant cuts to domestic/social spending.
- Grants and programs increased during the Biden administration are prime targets.



119th Congress: Senate Makeup

119th Congress: U.S. Senate

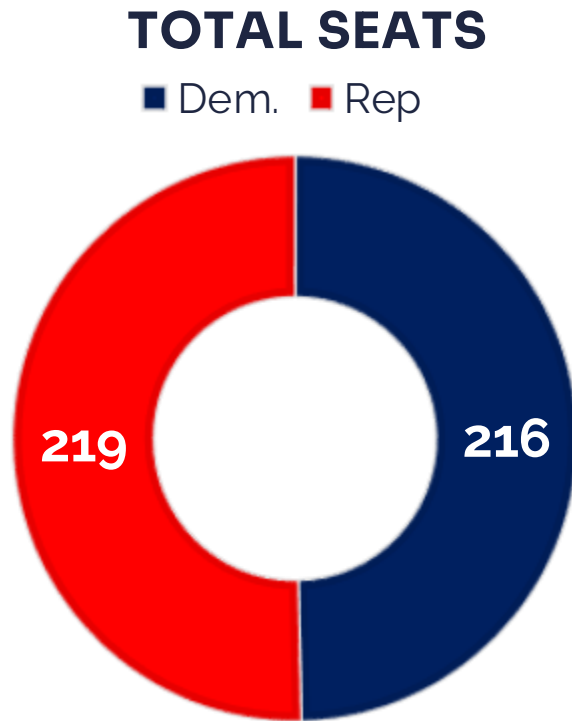


- Republicans flip 4 seats
 - Likely loss of Education Champions
 - Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
 - Bob Casey Jr. (D-PA)
- Top agenda items:
 - Confirm Trump appointees
 - Budget reconciliation



119th Congress: House Makeup

119th Congress: U.S. House of Representatives



- Republicans maintain majority
- New Ed-Workforce Committee leadership
- Deal with member-poaching by Trump Administration.
- Top Agenda Items:
 - Congressional Review Act
 - Move a tax package
 - Use budget reconciliation to adjust current funding levels.



119th Congress: Congressional Leadership

Expected House Leadership



Mike Johnson

Speaker of the House (R-LA-4)



Hakeem Jeffries

House Minority Leader (D-NY-8)



Tom Cole

Chairman, House Appropriations Committee (R-OK-4)



Rosa DeLauro

Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee (D-CT-3)



Burgess Owens

Chairman, House Education & Workforce Committee (R-UT-4)



Bobby Scott

Ranking Member, House Education & Workforce Committee (D-VA-3)



TBD

Chair, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development



Frederica Wilson

Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

Expected Senate Leadership



John Thune
Senate Majority Leader (R-SD)



Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader (D-NY)



Susan Collins
Chairwoman, Senate
Appropriations Committee
(R-ME)



Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Senate
Appropriations Committee (D-WA)



Bill Cassidy
Chairman, Senate HELP
Committee (R-LA)



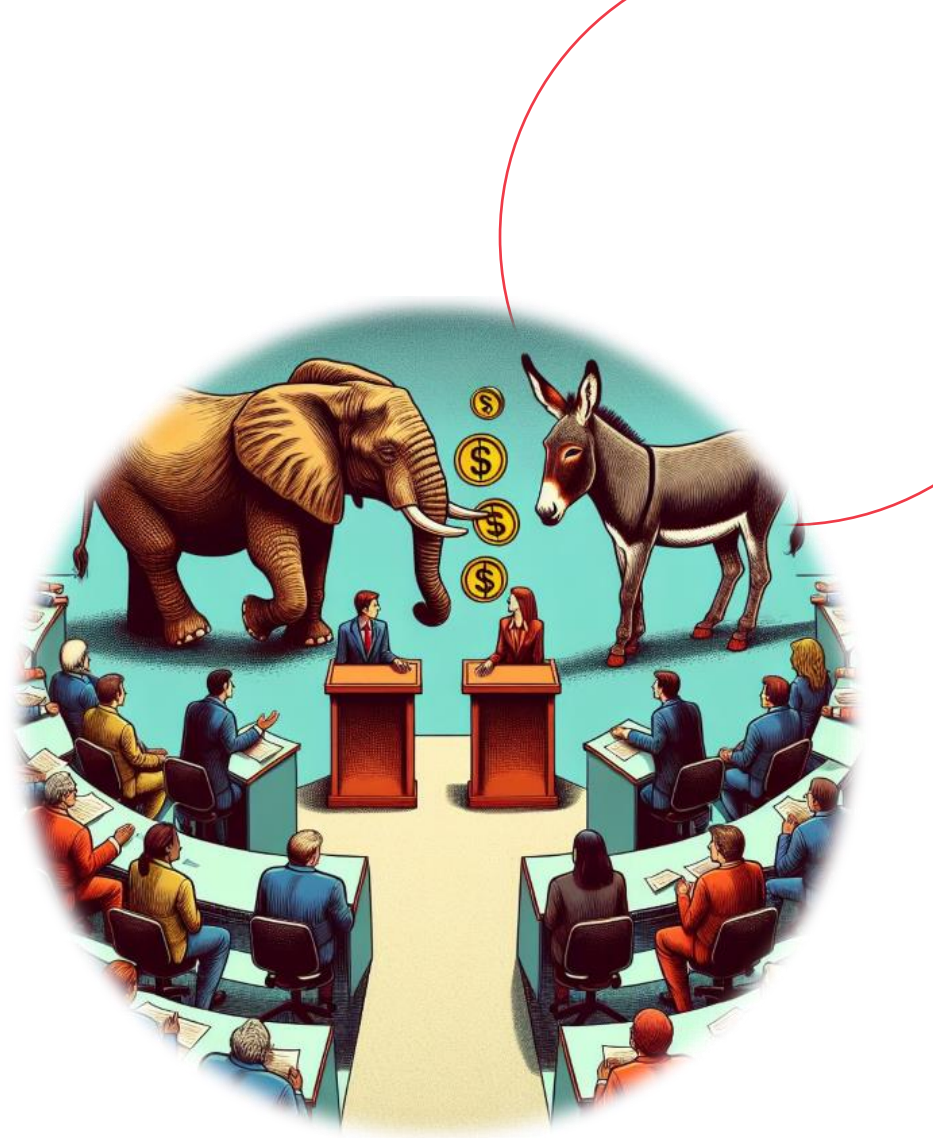
Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member, Senate
HELP Committee (I-VT)

Lame Duck & FY25 Funding Outlook



FY25 Appropriations Update

- **Recap of FY25 Appropriations**
 - Short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) approved through December 20.
 - Potential for 'Minibuses or Ladder Votes'
- **House vs. Senate Proposals**
 - Cuts vs. Level Funding
- **Budget Reconciliation**
 - Expedited consideration of specific tax, spending, and debt-limit legislation



Where We've Been & Where We're Going





Some of these are not new ideas:

Abolishing the Department of Education

- Has been proposed since the Reagan Administration

Attacks on Higher Education

- Academic Freedom, Accreditation

Increased Oversight and Regulation

- DACA, Visa Processes, Caps on Number of International Students

Speak Up: Everyone Can Be An Advocate



What Can You Expect from AASCU:

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ENGAGEMENT

COALITION BUILDING



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Discussion: Initial Thoughts

SMALL BREAKOUT ROOMS

- Introduce yourself and your institution/organization
- How have or will the election results impact your work on campus?
- What areas of advocacy and policy resonate the most with you?

What's Happening on Campuses



Romy Hübler

Towson University



Molly Kerby

**Western Kentucky
University**



Chapman Rackaway

Radford University



Markya Reed

**Morgan State University
Johns Hopkins University**

Discussion: Deeper Dive

LARGER BREAKOUT ROOMS

- How can we continue to support civic engagement on campuses?
 - What do individuals need? Short and long term?
 - How can we navigate and/or design systems and structures that allow our campuses to be more inclusive and accessible?
 - Where can we build bridges and strengthen community and campus partnerships?



Thank You

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