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The COHEAO Annual Conference offers those involved in student financial services, particularly loan servicing and collection, an opportunity to learn first-hand from the key players in Washington on what to look for in the 113th Congress. An agenda is attached with today’s edition and available on the 2013 COHEAO Annual Conference webpage: <http://www.coheao.com/conference-events/upcoming-events/2013-coheao-annual-conference/>

In addition to sessions from the Department of Education, COHEAO Executive Director Harrison Wadsworth, and a look at the CFPB, the conference will also include an “ask an attorney” session for a discussion of legal issues affecting student financial services. Congressional speakers have been invited and are expected to be confirmed in the near future.

The conference will feature a presentation on the recently released COHEAO paper, “Financial Literacy on Campus: Raising Awareness, Creating and Developing Programs, and Improving Effectiveness” (for a copy, see: <http://www.coheao.com/about-2/taskforces-committees/financial-literacy/financial-literacy-task-force-resources/2012-coheao-financial-literacy-awareness-white-paper/>). Our program will also explore other pressing issues in student financial services, such as the use of technology and consumer expectations, reforming the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), servicing and collections in institutional lending for international students.

The event will again be held at the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City, which is located just outside of Washington, DC. COHEAO has again been able to negotiate a great rate of \$219 for conference attendees at this fantastic venue. To receive the COHEAO rate, you can call the Ritz Carlton at (703) 415-5000 and tell them you are attending the 2013 COHEAO Annual Conference. You can also register online and enter a special discount code included with your 2013 COHEAO Annual Conference registration confirmation. Additional information on conference accommodations, including online registration with the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City, is available online: <http://www.coheao.com/conference-events/upcoming-events/2013-coheao-annual-conference/hotel-information/>

The tradition of the silent auction to support the COHEAO Scholarship Fund will continue at this year’s conference. Attendees are encouraged to donate items for purchase at the auction. For our institutional members, items unique to your university or community often make great donations for the silent auctions. Donations may be sent to the COHEAO offices in advance of the conference or you can simply bring it with you to the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City.

We will be providing additional details on the 2013 COHEAO Annual Conference via email and through www.coheao.org. As always, if you have any questions on this event, please contact Wes Huffman of COHEAO (whuffman@wpllc.net, 202.289.3910), and we look forward to seeing you in January.

- **When: January 27-January 30, 2013**
- **Where: Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City (located in Arlington, VA, near Reagan Airport, and just outside of Washington, DC)**
- **Costs: Institutions and Organizations: (\$590 members, \$690 non-members); Commercial: (\$590 COHEAO members; \$1,590 non-members). **Please note: fees increase after January 9**
- **Additional info: www.coheao.org**

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MAKE PLANS NOW to join us at our **Annual Silent Auction** on **Monday** evening **January 28** at **7pm** in the on the first floor of the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City. **BRING ALONG SOMETHING TO BE AUCTIONED OFF.** All proceeds from the evening will go to **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS** from one of our **MEMBER SCHOOLS**. We were able to fund **FOUR \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2012** and look forward to matching or bettering that number at this Annual Meeting. If you cannot be there and would like to contribute please contact Wes Huffman, WHuffman@wpllc.net or call Mike Kahler at 314-420-4876 or Karen Reddick at 314-603-9500. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WASHINGTON, DC AT THE END OF THE MONTH.**

COHEAO Webinars: Seeking Your Assistance on Engaging Content

Lori Hartung continues to do an amazing job leading the COHEAO Agenda Committee. In addition to developing the agenda for the COHEAO Annual and Mid-Year Conferences, this committee develops COHEAO webinars.

With Annual Conference on the horizon, the next COHEAO webinar is set for February 14 at 2:00 PM ET and it will feature a presentation from several contributors on the COHEAO Financial Literacy White Paper. Registration will be available in late January.

Beyond our initial webinar, we have several in the works. The following is a list of topics the Agenda Committee has discussed as potential webinar programming. If you would like to add to this list, have a particularly strong feeling about one of the topics listed below, or would like to become part of the COHEAO Agenda Committee, please contact Lori Hartung (lori.hartung@tbandl.com) or Wes Huffman (whuffman@wpllc.net).

- Centralized Location for Loan Information
- Managing your Inbox - suggested by Jeane Olsen. No suggestion for presenter.
- The Changing Face of Higher Ed, MOOCs and Distance Learning
- Cohort Default and Financial Literacy: A Case Study
- TCPA
- Backroom Outsourcing
- New Technology and the Business Office
- Credit Bureau Reporting
- Financial Aid for Non Financial Aid Professionals
- Tuition Insurance Programs
- Understanding TEACH Grants Program
- Campus Debit Cards - NACUBO Survey
- AmeriCorps - How do their contracts work?
- What is the institutions role in Direct Loan Cohort Management? Strategies..?

- Perkins 101 Issues - Soup to Nuts (A Webinar Series)
 - Due Diligence Requirements
 - Perkins Benefits (deferment & cancellation)
 - Cohort Management
 - Packaging Federal Perkins Loans
- Contract Requirements with your Third Party Collection Agency
- FDCPA
- HIPPA Compliance - Do schools and their third party servicers need to be concerned?
- Ensuring students and parents understand PLUS Loans

Financial Literacy Corner: Know of Exciting Financial Literacy Meetings in 2013? Let Us Know!

The latest effort of COHEAO's Financial Literacy Task Force is to compile meetings and events of interest to those involved in financial literacy and higher education. If you are aware of financial literacy events relevant to COHEAO members, please email whuffman@wpllc.net

We intend to post these meetings to the Financial Literacy Task Force section of the COHEAO website and highlight select events in *The Torch*. Our first such event is one on January 18 from Menlo College in California. A description is below:

Menlo College will be hosting an all-day conference at its Silicon Valley campus to answer the following critical question: Do graduation rates improve if students understand personal finance?

Leading educators and business professionals will discuss research, findings, and experience with financial literacy programs/curricula and college persistence. Speakers will explore possible linkage between these programs and college persistence through graduation, as well as the potential impact of improved financial literacy upon students, higher education, and society.

The event offers opportunities to network, view working program models, and hear about the latest research. Here are a few of the featured speakers:

- *Rebecca Macieira-Kaufmann, President of Citibank California*
- *Lewis Mandell, SUNY Buffalo Emeritus*
- *Valerie Coleman Morris, Journalist/Author*
- *Joyce Serido, University of Arizona*
- *Vincent Tinto, Syracuse University*

Additional information on the Menlo College event is available online: <http://www.menlo.edu/financial-literacy>

Congress

Fiscal Cliff Averted (For Now)—What Does It Mean for Higher Ed?

After weeks and months of public barbs and private negotiations, the US Congress reached a deal at the last minute (or at 2:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on January 1, just past the last minute) to avert the so-called "fiscal cliff." H.R. 8, the legislative vehicle for the end-of-year "must pass" legislation, made it through the Senate by a margin of 89-8 and the House by a margin of 257-167. In the House, 185 Democrats

and 72 Republicans supported the measure. With most Republicans voting no, this was a rare case where most of the members of the House majority party voted against a measure brought up by their leadership.

COHEAO members were sent a Spark with an analysis of the deal's impact on student aid, student loans, and higher education generally. The Spark is also available online: <http://www.coheao.com/the-fiscal-cliff-and-student-aid-what-are-the-next-steps/>

Key Committee Assignments in the 113th Congress

Throughout the lame duck session, reports of Committee assignments continued to trickle out of both chambers of Congress. With the 113th Congress now officially in session, most Committee assignments have been established. A list of the updated Committee rosters most relevant to education advocates (Appropriations, Budget, and HELP/Education and the Workforce) is included with today's edition as a special attachment (COHEAO thanks the Committee for Education Funding for working on this.)

Rep. Walter Jones Introduces Legislation to Amend FDCPA to Exclude Certain Attorney Activities

In the last days of 2012 and the 112th Congress, Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC) introduced legislation which would have removed "certain actions" of collections attorneys from the jurisdiction of FDCPA. Specifically, the bill would add the following language to the section of FDCPA which defines the term "debt collector" and establishes specific exclusions, such as the government or first-party creditors:

...The term (debt collector) does not include –

(F) any law firm or licensed attorney–

(i) serving, filing, or conveying formal legal pleadings, discovery requests, or other documents pursuant to the applicable rules of civil procedure; or

(ii) communicating in, or at the direction of, a court of law or in depositions or settlement conferences, in connection with a pending legal action to collect a debt on behalf of a client; and...

Jones is a conservative member from North Carolina who recently has been at odds with the House Republican leadership. He won his re-election bid handily. His office has yet to publicly indicate plans for reintroducing this legislation in the 113th Congress.

Administration

Department Releases Perkins eMPN

Earlier this year, the Department of Education announced the approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the revised Federal Perkins Loan Program Master Promissory Note (Perkins MPN) under OMB Control Number 1845-0074. The revised Perkins MPN has an expiration date of September 30, 2015 and replaces the Perkins MPN that has an expiration date of August 31, 2012. A dear colleague letter released on December 23 provides schools that participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program with an electronic version of the new Perkins MPN and supporting documentation.

In announcing the availability of the electronic form, the Department noted its previous guidance on standards for the use of electronic signatures in the Title IV loan programs. This guidance was provided to schools through Dear Partner Letter GEN-01-06 (May 2001) that is available at <http://ifap.ed.gov/dpclatters/gen0106.html>.

The Department adds, "It is important for schools to review the Standards before implementing the Perkins eMPN."

Click here for the full Dear Colleague Letter: <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN1223.html>

Industry

NACUBO Offers Best Practices for Debit Cards

Just before the holidays, the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) released a series of best practices for colleges on the use of debit-cards for students. NACUBO indicates these practices were developed in response to the growth of campus-based banking options for students as well as the increased attention on campus-based debit cards. The best practices are as follows:

- **Keep Students First.** *In ongoing efforts to hold tuition and administrative expenses down, college administrators seek cost savings in a number of ways, including automating manual processes, contracting with private operators for support functions, and establishing new revenue streams. Institutions should put students' interests at the forefront, making business decisions to enhance services available to students-and not do so at their expense.*
- **Encourage Students to Use Financial Institutions.** *Many students enrolling for the first time at a college or university have not yet established personal checking or savings accounts. However, those with bank accounts can typically better manage their money, do not have to carry large amounts of cash, and can benefit from the convenience of debit cards and transaction records. Additionally, most bank accounts are insured and offer fraud protection. Therefore, institutions should encourage students to use financial institutions.*
- **Offer Choices.** *Students have the right to choose their banking relationships, and this should be unambiguous in campus communications. Campus communications should also clearly state that students who already have accounts can use them. Some students may not have or be eligible for a traditional bank account, so may prefer a campus-affiliated debit card option. Institutions should ensure that students have sufficient information available to allow them to be informed consumers.*
- **Encourage Electronic Refunds.** *Electronic transactions have become the norm in all aspects of consumer finance-from government payments to retail transactions-because they are faster, safer, less expensive, and more convenient. Schools should encourage students to receive their refunds electronically.*
- **Utilize a Competitive Process and Limit Exclusivity.** *The financial services arena is a fast-changing world for both the industry and consumers, with new options regularly emerging in the marketplace. Students and institutions should not be limited by outmoded choices. When seeking a vendor for financial services, institutions should use a competitive selection or bidding process. Institutions should also limit contracts to no more than five years.*
- **Engage Students in the Vendor Selection Process.** *Students are directly affected by campus contracts with financial institutions for student services, but are not always part of the decision-making process when a vendor is selected. Institutions should encourage student involvement in the process, which can include focus groups, representation on a selection committee, or consultation through student government.*

- **Comply with Federal and State Regulations.** Colleges and universities take seriously their compliance with the U.S. Department of Education's regulatory and administrative requirements for the Title IV federal student aid programs. Institutions should take steps to ensure that administrators, staff, and vendors comply with all applicable federal and state regulations.
- **Negotiate Low or No-Fee Options and Convenient Services for Students.** Just as colleges and universities strive to provide high-quality academic experiences for their students, they must ensure that school-sanctioned services are also good consumer values. For example, school-endorsed financial institutions should provide adequate ATM access on campus or ensure that banking facilities are readily accessible on or near campus, offer low-cost student account options, educate students to be informed consumers of financial services, and publish clear and transparent fee schedules.
 - Examples of fees and services institutions should pay particular attention to include:
 - Account fees-set-up, requesting a card, monthly service, minimum balance.
 - Spend fees-making a credit card or debit transaction at a point of sale.
 - Cash fees-ATM fees, available surcharge-free networks, cash back at point of sale.
 - Deposit fees-depositing money by ATM, ACH, direct deposit, teller.
 - Help fees and services-online help, voice help, live agent and/or teller options, balance inquiry.
 - Caution fees-inactivity, replacement, overdraft.
 - Bill payment options and fees-online pay anyone.
- **Avoid Unscrupulous Marketing.** Institutions should use great discretion when agreeing to a communication plan to ensure that students are presented with a fair explanation of services and not with misleading, biased, or aggressive marketing schemes.
- **Make Contracts Transparent.** Institutions should publicly disclose the terms of any agreements with third parties issuing debit cards to students.

Additional information from NACUBO is available online:

http://www.nacubo.org/Initiatives/Legislation_and_Congressional_Relations/Legislative_Updates/NACUBO_Offers_Debit_Card_Best_Practices.html

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CHANGES TO KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES updated 1/3/13

Note: names ~~crossed out~~ will not be returning in the 113th Congress. Names in ~~*italics crossed out*~~ will be in the 113th Congress but no longer on that committee. Names in **bold** are new members of the committees

House Committee on Appropriations

Republicans (29) (6 NEW MEMBERS, will have one vacancy)	Democrats (22) (6 NEW MEMBERS)
<hr/> Harold Rogers, Ky. - <i>Chairman</i> C.W. Bill Young, Fla. Jerry Lewis, Calif. Frank R. Wolf, Va. Jack Kingston, Ga. Rodney Frelinghuysen, N.J. Tom Latham, Iowa Robert B. Aderholt, Ala. Jo Ann Emerson, Mo. (announced she is leaving Congress in February) Kay Granger, Texas Mike Simpson, Idaho John Culberson, Texas Ander Crenshaw, Fla. Denny Rehberg, Mont. John Carter, Texas Rodney Alexander, La. Ken Calvert, Calif. Jo Bonner, Ala. Steven C. LaTourette, Ohio Tom Cole, Okla. Jeff Flake, Ariz. Mario Diaz-Balart, Fla. Charlie Dent, Pa. Steve Austria, Ohio	<hr/> Nita M. Lowey, N.Y. – New Ranking Member Norm Dicks, Wash. – <i>Ranking Member</i> Marcy Kaptur, Ohio Peter J. Visclosky, Ind. José E. Serrano, N.Y. Rosa DeLauro, Conn. James P. Moran, Va. John W. Olver, Mass. Ed Pastor, Ariz. David E. Price, N.C. Maurice D. Hinchey, N.Y. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Calif. Sam Farr, Calif. Jesse L. Jackson Jr., Ill. Chaka Fattah, Pa. Steven R. Rothman, N.J. Sanford D. Bishop Jr., Ga. Barbara Lee, Calif. Adam B. Schiff, Calif. Michael M. Honda, Calif. Betty McCollum, Minn. Steve Israel, N.Y. Tim Ryan, Ohio Dutch Ruppersberger, Md.

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Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Republicans (8) (4 VACANCIES)	Democrats (5) (2 VACANCIES)
<hr/> Denny Rehberg, Mont. — <i>Chairman</i> Jerry Lewis, Calif. Jack Kingston, Ga. — New Chairman Rodney Alexander, La. Kay Granger, Texas Mike Simpson, Idaho Jeff Flake, Ariz. Cynthia M. Lummis, Wyo.	<hr/> Rosa DeLauro, Conn. - <i>Ranking Member</i> Nita M. Lowey, N.Y. (Lowey will be an ex officio member of all subcommittees, creating another vacancy on the subcommittee) Jesse L. Jackson Jr., Ill. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Calif. Barbara Lee, Calif.

House Committee on the Budget

Republicans (22) (4 NEW MEMBERS, 1 VACANCY)	Democrats (17) (3 NEW MEMBERS, 6 VACANCIES)
<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> Paul D. Ryan, Wis. - <i>Chairman</i> Tom Price, Ga. (moved up to vice-chair slot) Scott Garrett, N.J. Mike Simpson, Idaho John Campbell, Calif. Ken Calvert, Calif. Todd Akin, Mo. Tom Cole, Okla. Tom McClintock, Calif. Jason Chaffetz, Utah Marlin Stutzman, Ind. James Lankford, Okla. Diane Black, Tenn. Reid Ribble, Wis. Bill Flores, Texas Mick Mulvaney, S.C. Tim Huelskamp, Kan. Todd Young, Ind. Justin Amash, Mich. Todd Rokita, Ind. Frank Guinta, N.H. Rob Woodall, Ga. Marsha Blackburn, Tenn. Scott Rigell, Va. Vicky Hartzler, Mo. Jim Renacci, Ohio	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> Chris Van Hollen, Md. - <i>Ranking Member</i> Allyson Y. Schwartz, Pa. Marcy Kaptur, Ohio Lloyd Doggett, Texas Earl Blumenauer, Ore. Betty McCollum, Minn. John Yarmuth, Ky. Bill Pascrell Jr., N.J. Michael M. Honda, Calif. Tim Ryan, Ohio Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Fla. Gwen Moore, Wis. Kathy Castor, Fla. Heath Shuler, N.C. Karen Bass, Calif. Suzanne Bonamici, Ore. Barbara Lee, Calif. David Cicilline, R.I. Denny Heck, Wash.

House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Republicans (23) (7 NEW MEMBERS) * = subcommittee chair	Democrats (18) (6 NEW MEMBERS)
<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> John Kline, Minn. - <i>Chairman</i> Tom Petri, Wis. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, Calif. Judy Biggert, Ill. Todd R. Platts, Pa.	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> George Miller, Calif. - <i>Ranking Member</i> Dale E. Kildee, Mich. Robert E. Andrews, N.J. Robert C. Scott, Va. Lynn Woolsey, Calif.

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Senate Committee on Appropriations

<p>Democrats (16) (1 VACANCY) (3 NEW MEMBERS)</p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii — <i>Chairman</i> Barbara A. Mikulski, Md. - Chairman Patrick J. Leahy, Vt. Tom Harkin, Iowa Herb Kohl, Wis. Patty Murray, Wash. Dianne Feinstein, Calif. Richard J. Durbin, Ill. Tim Johnson, S.D. Mary L. Landrieu, La. Jack Reed, R.I. Frank R. Lautenberg, N.J. Ben Nelson, Neb. Mark Pryor, Ark. Jon Tester, Mont. Sherrod Brown, Ohio Tom Udall, N.M. Jeanne Shaheen, N.H. Jeff Merkley, Ore.</p>	<p>Republicans (14) (2 NEW MEMBERS) Sen. Cochran will be term-limited out as ranking Member. Sen. Shelby is expected to take that slot. There will also be a new staff director.</p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Thad Cochran, Miss. - <i>Ranking Member</i> Mitch McConnell, Ky. Richard C. Shelby, Ala. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Texas Lamar Alexander, Tenn. Susan Collins, Maine Lisa Murkowski, Alaska Lindsey Graham, S.C. Mark Steven Kirk, Ill. Dan Coats, Ind. Roy Blunt, Mo. Jerry Moran, Kan. John Hoeven, N.D. Ron Johnson, Wis. Mike Johanns, Neb. John Boozman, Ark.</p>
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Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

<p>Democrats (10) (3 VACANCIES)</p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Tom Harkin, Iowa - <i>Chairman</i> Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii Herb Kohl, Wis. Patty Murray, Wash. Mary L. Landrieu, La. Richard J. Durbin, Ill. Jack Reed, R.I. Mark Pryor, Ark. Barbara A. Mikulski, Md. Sherrod Brown, Ohio</p>	<p>Republicans (8) (2 VACANCIES)</p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Richard C. Shelby, Ala. - <i>Ranking Member</i> Thad Cochran, Miss. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Texas Lamar Alexander, Tenn. Ron Johnson, Wis. Mark Steven Kirk, Ill. Lindsey Graham, S.C. Jerry Moran, Kan.</p>
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Senate Committee on the Budget

<p>Democrats (12) (3 NEW MEMBERS)</p> <p>There will also be a new staff director</p> <hr/> <p>Kent Conrad, N.D. — <i>Chairman</i> Patty Murray, Wash. - Chair Ron Wyden, Ore. Bill Nelson, Fla. Debbie Stabenow, Mich. Benjamin L. Cardin, Md. Bernard Sanders, Vt. (I) Sheldon Whitehouse, R.I. Mark Warner, Va. Jeff Merkley, Ore. Mark Begich, Alaska Chris Coons, Del. Tammy Baldwin, Wis. Tim Kaine, Va. Angus King, Me.</p>	<p>Republicans (10) (1 NEW MEMBER)</p> <hr/> <p>Jeff Sessions, Ala. - <i>Ranking Member</i> Charles E. Grassley, Iowa Michael B. Enzi, Wyo. Michael D. Crapo, Idaho John Cornyn, Texas Lindsey Graham, S.C. John Thune, S.D. Rob Portman, Ohio Patrick J. Toomey, Pa. Ron Johnson, Wis. Kelly Ayotte, N.H. Roger Wicker, Miss</p>
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Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

<p>Democrats (12) (3 NEW MEMBERS)</p> <hr/> <p>Tom Harkin, Iowa - <i>Chairman</i> Barbara A. Mikulski, Md. Jeff Bingaman, N.M. Patty Murray, Wash. Bernard Sanders, Vt. (I) Bob Casey, Pa. Kay Hagan, N.C. Jeff Merkley, Ore. Al Franken, Minn. Michael Bennet, Colo. Sheldon Whitehouse, R.I. Richard Blumenthal, Conn. Tammy Baldwin, Wis. Christopher S. Murphy, Conn. Elizabeth Warren, Mass.</p>	<p>Republicans (10) (1 NEW MEMBER)</p> <hr/> <p>Lamar Alexander, Tenn. – NEW Ranking Member Michael B. Enzi, Wyo. Richard M. Burr, N.C. Johnny Isakson, Ga. Rand Paul, Ky. Orrin G. Hatch, Utah John McCain, Ariz. Pat Roberts, Kan. Lisa Murkowski, Alaska Mark Steven Kirk, Ill. Tim Scott, S.C.</p>
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