



2018 Engineering Deans

Public Policy Colloquium

Fairmont Hotel • Washington, DC • February 5–7, 2018

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018 (Day 3)

10:00am Individual Meetings with Members of Congress and Staff*

Colloquium and Congressional Visits

The Wednesday Feb 7 Capitol Hill visit will include informational sessions, discussions, and meetings with congressional offices about engineering education, research, and policy priorities. Now that we are a month away from the meeting, we urge you to begin coordinating for these congressional visits if you haven't done so already.

We recommend conducting meetings by state. In the case of very large states such as California you may want to split into two or three groups while small states may want to join together with an adjacent state (for example New Hampshire and Vermont). Ideal group sizes are 4-6 deans. Deans generally self-organize these groupings, but we are happy to assist with this process for anyone who wishes as explained below.

As engineering deans come from a variety of institutions, some of which have government relations offices, and some of which do not, we recommend that if possible you identify a lead institution for each group that has government relations staff who can arrange the visits for the group. If your group does not have government relations staff, our Lewis-Burke Associates partners (Miriam Quintal, Miriam@lewis-burke.com and Eliana Perlmutter, Eliana@lewis-burke.com) are available to help suggest meetings and provide guidance on scheduling. Your government relations staff should also feel free to reach out to Lewis-Burke for any guidance on targets and priorities.

ASEE PPC Chair Joe Helble, Dean of Engineering at Dartmouth (joseph.j.helble@dartmouth.edu), and PPC Vice-Chair Jeff Goldberg, Dean of Engineering at U. Arizona (jgoldberg@arizona.edu), are also available to answer questions. They can provide advice to deans from smaller states, who may be the only PPC attendee from their state.

At the Colloquium, we will provide handouts and talking points on ASEE priorities to all groups. You may also consider preparing additional materials to highlight success stories for the institutions in your group. Any stories should connect to federal impact, such as federal research funding. For an example state-specific handout, please follow the [LINK](#).

Once you have coordinated your group, please let us know your lead institution and what staff will be helping you if any (please send the information to Olha Samoilenko at O.Samoilenko@asee.org). Please follow the [LINK](#) for a sample message you can send to your government relations staff regarding help arranging visits. Please make sure to personalize the highlighted elements of the note.

Your government relations staffer(s) is welcomed to attend to the PPC should you deem it appropriate; please note that GR staffers must be paid registrants of the PPC ([LINK](#) to registration page).

We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Public Policy Colloquium!

* The PPC Planning Committee does not make arrangements for individual meetings.