



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

**MARCH 5, 2007
SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA**

In June 2006, U.S. Representatives Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) and David Wu (D-OR) asked the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance to conduct a one-year study with three objectives: to investigate further the problem of rising textbook prices; to determine the impact of rising textbook prices on students' ability to afford a postsecondary education; and to make recommendations to Congress, the Secretary, and other stakeholders on what can be done to make textbooks more affordable for students.

As part of this study, the Advisory Committee will host the second of three public hearings on Monday, March 5, 2007, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, California. College of the Canyons is a community college located in Congressman McKeon's district.

The hearing will include testimony from organizations and individuals from around the country who are currently working to make textbooks more affordable. Information gathered will be used to inform recommendations in the final report, due to Congress by May 2007. For additional information on this study, please see the fact sheet posted on the Advisory Committee's website at: www.ed.gov/ACSFA.

Registration Information

If you are interested in attending the meeting please register in advance at this website: <http://preview.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/acsfa/registration/edlite-index.html>.

Individuals interested in providing testimony to the Advisory Committee during the public comment session should include the following information when registering:

1. Name
2. Title and Organization
3. Brief statement characterizing the nature of your remarks

Time will be limited and applicants will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Advisory Committee staff will contact speakers before the hearing to confirm their participation. If you are unable to participate in this hearing, we welcome written testimony.

**Registration for public comment will close on Monday, February 5, 2007.
General registration will close on Friday, February 23, 2007.**

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