

# Washington Update: New Administration, New Congress

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## Transition

- 2021 Spending Bills
- COVID Supplemental
  - Student loan moratorium
- FAFSA Simplification

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## Context

- Democrats Barely Have Control on Capitol Hill
- Pandemic Remains a Problem/Economy Struggling
- Things Take Time
- Bipartisanship vs. Partisanship

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## The Big Picture

- Pandemic/Economic Stimulus
- Priority on Executive Branch Actions
- Higher Education Regulatory Issues

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## **Biden/Harris Higher Education Agenda**

- COVID-19 Relief
- HBCUs
- Double Maximum Pell Grant
- Student Loan Forgiveness
- Free College

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## **ACE Agenda**

- DACA
- COVID-19 Relief
- Double Maximum Pell Grant
- HBCUs/MSIs
- Regulatory Reform  
Revise/Rescind/Restore

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## **Higher Education Regulatory Agenda**

- Title IX
- Gainful Employment/Borrower Defense
- Executive Orders
- Politically Motivated Investigations
- Foreign Gift Reporting

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## **Higher Education Regulatory Agenda (cont'd)**

- DHS/DOS – Foreign Students & Immigration

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# Q&A