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Forum: Student Loan Debt in the Time of COVID-19

3rd REVISED AGENDA

Thursday, January 27, 2022

1:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM AND [YOUTUBE LIVE](#)

- I. Convene forum.
- II. Opening remarks.
- III. Panelist briefing on the current state of student loan debt:
 - Marybeth Sullivan, Senior Legislative Attorney, Office of Legislative Research.
 - Jessica Callahan, Legislative Analyst, Office of Legislative Research.
 - Janelle Stevens, Principal Analyst, Office of Fiscal Analysis.
 - Sandy Baum, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Center for Education Data and Policy, Urban Institute.
- IV. Panelists from colleges and universities:
 - Steven McDowell, Associate Vice President for Financial Aid Services & Title IV Compliance, Connecticut State Community Colleges.
 - Nathan Fuerst, Vice President, Enrollment Planning and Management, University of Connecticut.
 - Julie Savino, Executive Director of University Financial Assistance, Sacred Heart University.
- V. Panelist from state agencies and quasi-public agencies:
 - Mark French, Director of Educational Aid and Reporting, Office of Higher Education.
 - Matt Smith, Director of Government Relations and Consumer Affairs, and Rich Lalor, Associate Financial Examiner, Department of Banking.

Jeanette Weldon, Director, and Josh Hurlock, Assistant Director, Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA).

- VI. Public comments.
- VII. Adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

The forum may be recorded and broadcast live on CT-N.com.