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Agenda

- Federal Research Funding Cuts
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Immigration
- U.S. Department of Education Operations and Functionality

Federal Research Funding Cuts

- Indirect Cost Rate Lawsuits
 - Massachusetts v. National Institutes of Health (D. Mass.)
 - Association of American Medical Colleges v. National Institutes of Health (D. Mass.)
 - Association of American Universities v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 (D. Mass.)
 - Association of American Universities v. U.S. Department of Energy (D. Mass.)
 - Association of American Universities v. National Science Foundation (D. Mass.)
- California v. U.S. Department of Education (D. Mass.) and American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education v. McMahon (D. Md.)
- President and Fellows of Harvard College v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (D. Mass.) and American Association of University Professors Harvard Faculty Chapter v. U.S. Department of Justice (D. Mass.)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- American Federation of Teachers v. U.S. Department of Education (D. Md.)
- National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education v. Trump (D. Md.)
- NAACP v. U.S. Department of Education (D.D.C.)
- National Urban League v. Trump (D.D.C.)
- New York v. U.S. Department of Education (D. Mass)
- National Education Association v. U.S. Department of Education (D. New Hampshire)

Immigration

- American Association of University Professors v. Rubio (D. Mass.)
- President and Fellows of Harvard College v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (D. Mass.)
- Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration v. Bondi (D. Mass.)

U.S. Department of Education Operations and Functionality

- State of New York v. McMahon (D. Mass.)
- Carter v. U.S. Department of Education (D.D.C.)
- NAACP v. U.S.A. (D. Md.)
- Association for Education Finance and Policy v. McMahon (D.D.C.) and American Education Research Association v. U.S. Department of Education (D. Md.)



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