

# The Role of Grants (DOE Program Builders) in Student Success

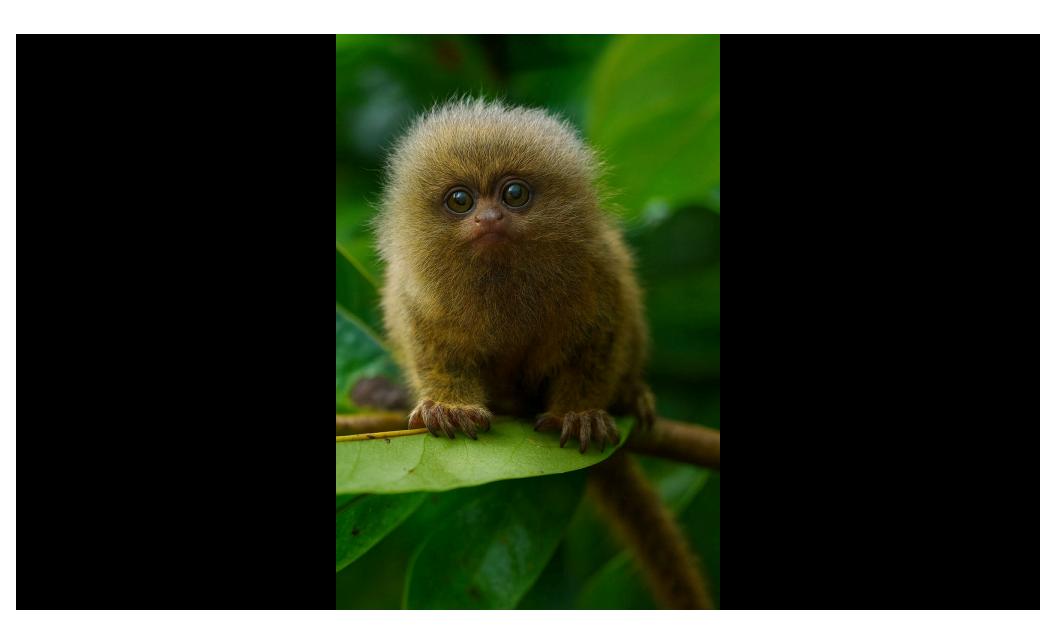
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#### **GRANTS**

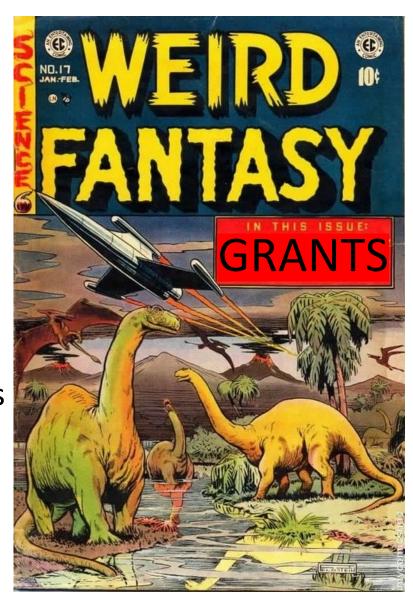
- MYTHOLOGICAL AND DANGEROUS
  - They are.
- A FOUNT OF FREE MONEY
  - They are not.
- A WAY TO MEANINGFULLY TRY REAL THINGS
  - They are.
- ALWAYS A GOOD THING
  - They are not.
- CRITICAL TO THIS UNIVERSITY?
  - They absolutely and unequivocally are.



## General Philosophical Build:

### The Grants should facilitate:

- Meaningful Student Experiences
- Reasonable and Impactful Institutional Change
- Concept Leadership Appropriate for Our Institution (as it truly is) and Our Students (as they truly are)



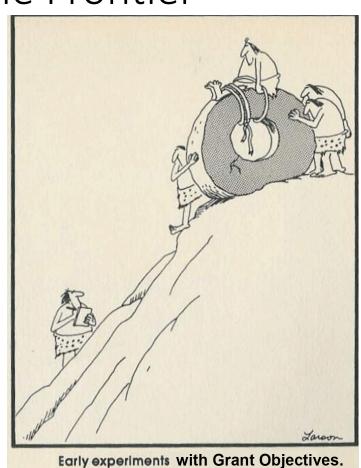
## Current 5-Year Program Builder Grants

- Title V DHSI FSE (Sul Ross State University Title V: The Frontier Student Experience)
  - Joseph Waggoner
- Title V PPOHA AGP (Advancing Graduate Programs en la Frontera)
  - Ida Hoelscher
- Title III STEM LTS (Lobotrack for Success in STEM)
  - Amanda Barrera
- Title V DHSI CCC (Creating a Culture of Care at Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College)
  - Cynthia Sifuentes
- Title V PPOHA AAO (Accelerating Access and Opportunity in West Texas)
  - Estella Vega
- Title V PPOHA DTM (Digital Transformation and Modernization in Far West Texas)
  - Michelle Lacey
- NTIA (National Telecommunication and Information Administration)
  - Dominick Percoco
    \*\*\*RENEWED for 2025-2026\*\*\*
- Title V PPOHA WID (Water in the Desert: Cooperation and Purpose-built Programs in F.W. Texas)
  - TBA (began 10/01/2024)

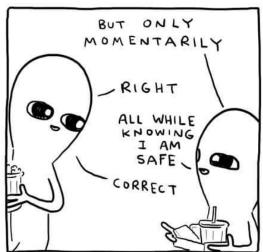
T5 DHSI FSE: The Legacy of the Frontier

Student Experience

- Watermark (3 Iterations)
- Tutor.com (and potentially whatever follows...)
- Academic Impressions
- Faculty Professional Development Center
- Student Safety and Betterment Programs
- Rebuilding of Lobo Den
- Wayfinding, Map, and Campus Signage Agenda
- Advisor Track
- Course Redesign and Quality Matters

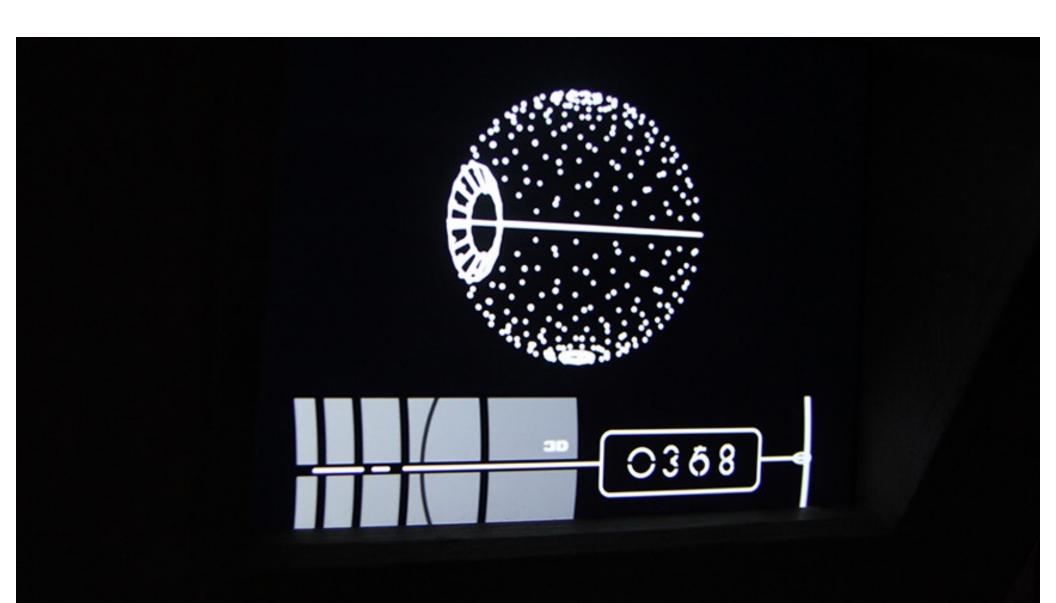


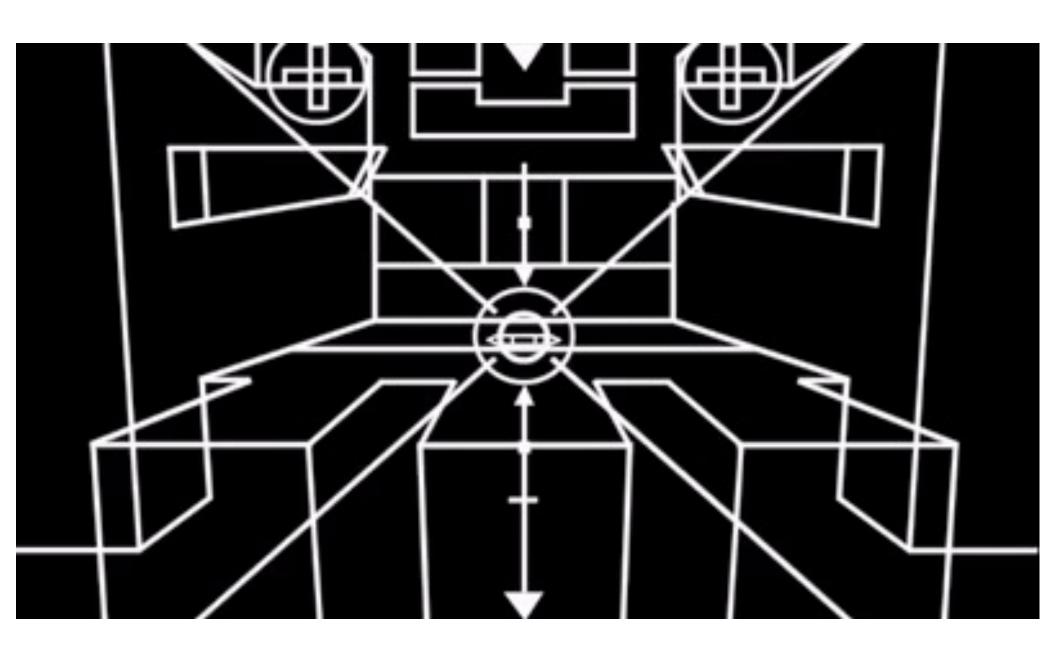


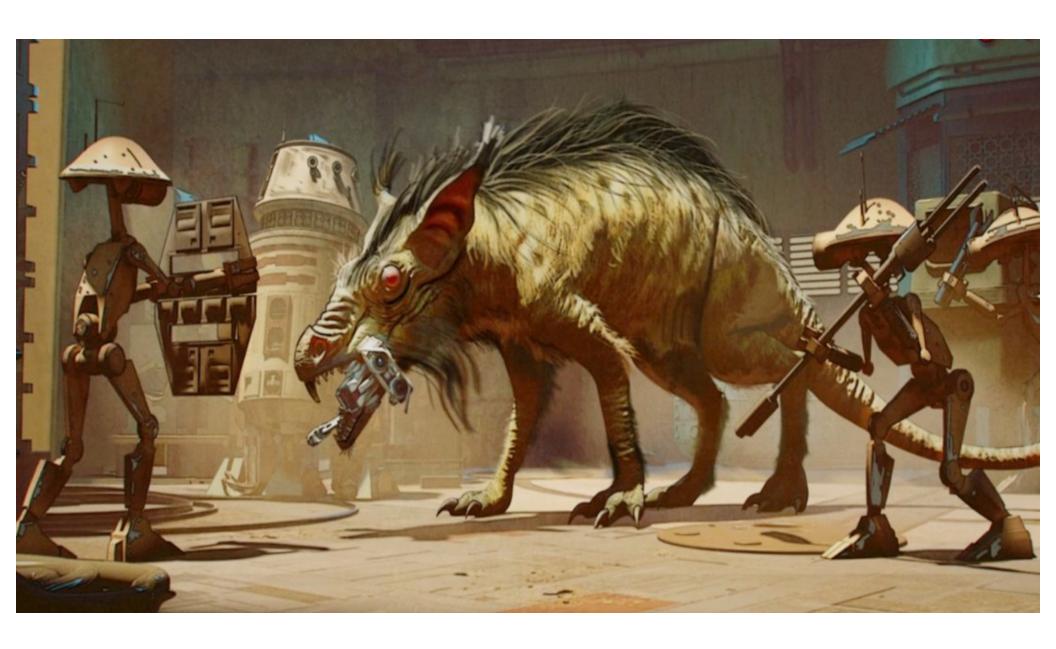


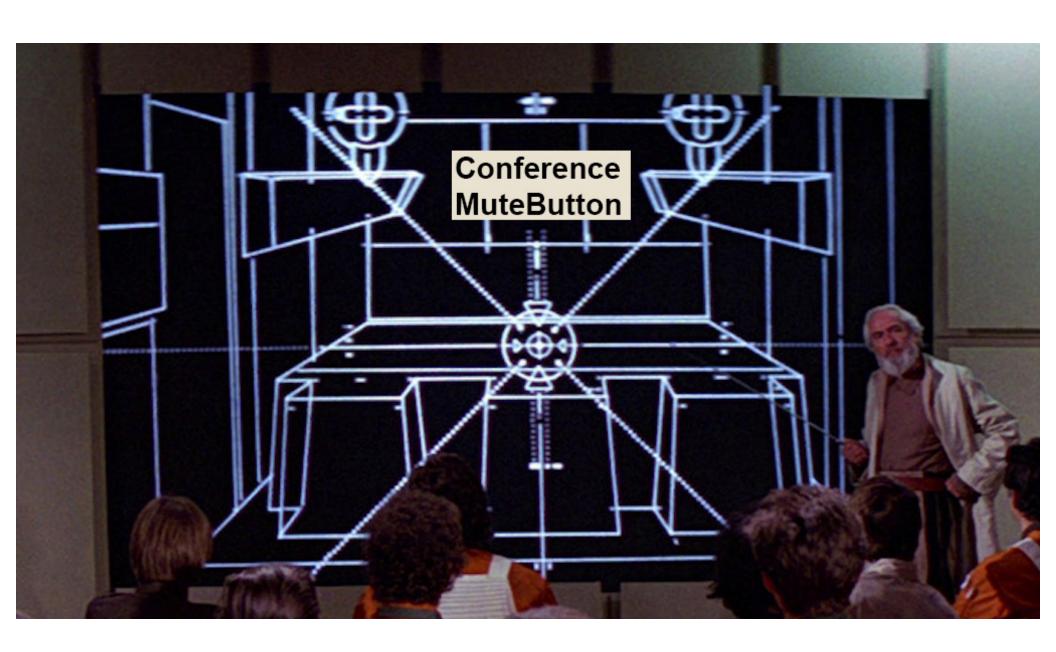






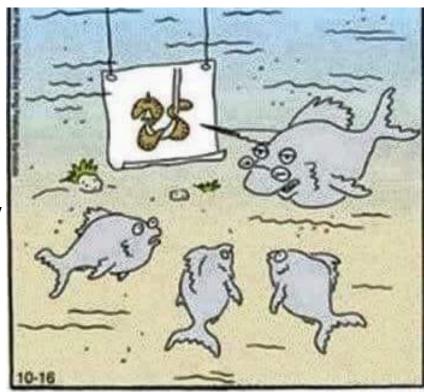






## WAHT ish Happpendings?

- Wednesday 09/10/2025: Title V Discontinuance announcements received
- Friday responses begin trickling in from actual DOE personnel
- Monday 09/15/2025: Key Administration meet to discuss likely interpretations of Announcements and badly written letters.
- Wednesday 09/17/2025: Title 3 STEM LTS is defunded
- Wednesday: Kendall is promoted to Acting Assistant Secretary of the Office of Postsecondary Education
- Thursday: Kendall is demoted from the position of Assistant Secretary. Jolve Chalkface is his apparent replacement.
- Thursday 09/18/2025: DOE employees begin weighing in on Title III STEM Part F interpretations
- Thursday Night: Kendall begins regularly reading from his memoire entitled: "My life as Tangina Barrons".
- Directors develop Action Plan for maximizing options.

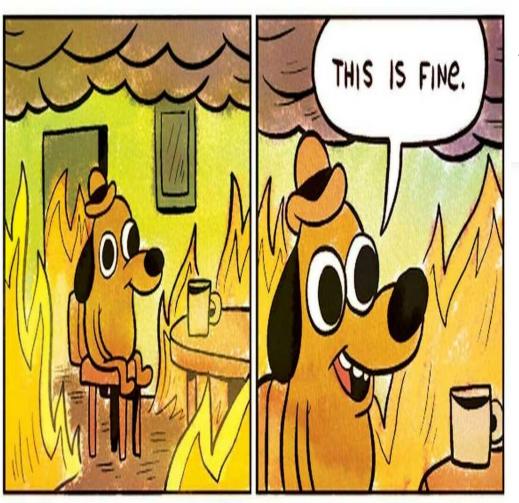


"Stop. Think. Ask yourself — exactly what would a garden worm be doing in a lake?"



#### THE ACTION PLAN.

- TITLE V DHSI and PPOHA are submitting special NCE (No Cost Extension) Requests (which includes Carryover Request material) by Saturday, 09/20/2025.
- TITLE III STEM LTS is submitting an APPEAL (Request for Reconsideration) Tuesday, 09/23/2025.
- TITLE V DHSI FSE will follow regular close-out procedure following an expedited spend-down effort (next week).



#### This is Fine.

- There is no formalization of how review will be handled.
- There is no formalization on how notifications will be made.
- Regular activity for the current funding year will conclude Tuesday, September 30, 2025.
- We are anticipating issues for TRIO and GEAR UP programs.
- We have received a single GAN for our concluding grant: Title V DHSI Frontier Student Experience.



