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National Science Board

Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. § 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business and other matters specified, as follows:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Board

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 8:45 a.m.; and Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Blvd. Room 1235 Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

STATUS: Some portions open, some portions closed

OPEN SESSIONS:

February 6, 2008 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

February 7, 2008

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CLOSED SESSIONS: February 7, 2008 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

10:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

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MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Wednesday, February 6, 2007

CSB Task Force on Cost Sharing

Open Session: 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

- Approval of Minutes
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks
- Discussion of Board February 9, 2008 Report to Congress on Cost Sharing Policies at the National Science Foundation
- Discussion of Next Steps for Task Force Study of Cost Sharing

CPP Task Force on Sustainable Energy

Open Session: 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

- Approval of Minutes for December 2007 Meeting
- Task Force Co-Chairmen's Remarks
- Discussion of the Task Force Roundtable (February 8, 2008)
- Discussion of "The Challenge of Sustainable Energy: A Background Paper for the National Science Board Task Force on Sustainable Energy"
- Discussion of Upcoming Task Force Activities

CPP Subcommittee on Polar Issues

Open Session: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

- Approval of December Minutes
- SOPI Chairman's Remarks
- OPP Director's Report
- Planning Towards a Multinational Polar Infrastructure Network
- Antarctic Support Contract Re-bid
- Changing Freshwater Cycle in the Arctic
- Video of the South Pole Station Dedication

Committee on Programs and Plans

Open Session: (11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

• Transformative Research and Basic Biology Concepts

Open Session: (1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

- Approval of Minutes
 - December 5, 2007 Meeting
 - o January 10, 2008 Teleconference
- Committee Chairman's Remarks
- Status Reports:
 - Subcommittee on Polar Issues
 - o Task Force on Sustainable Energy
 - o Task Force on International Science
- Approval of Minutes
 - Task Force on International Science, December 5, 2007 Meeting
- Discussion Item: NSB Report to Congress on Pre-construction Funding and Maintenance and Operations Costs for MREFC projects
- Discussion Item: Board Policy on Competition, Recompetition, and Renewal of NSF Awards

Committee on Strategy and Budget

Open Session: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Approval of CSB Minutes, December 6, 2007
- Committee Chairman's Remarks
- Status Report: CSB Task Force on Cost Sharing
- Discussion of Limiting Proposals from a Single Institution
- Discussion of the NSF FY 2008 Appropriations and FY 2009 Budget Request
- Discussion of NSF Average Award Size, Duration, and Proposal Success Rate

Executive Committee

Open Session: 3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

- Approval of Minutes for August 2007
- Executive Committee Chairman's Remarks
- Updates or New Business from Committee Members

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Audit and Oversight Committee Open Session: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

- Approval of Minutes of the December 5, 2007 Meeting
- Committee Chairman's Opening Remarks
- Chief Financial Officer's Update

Closed Session: 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

• Pending Investigations

Plenary Executive Closed

Closed Session: 10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

• Approval of December 2007 Minutes

Plenary Closed

Closed Session: 10:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

- Approval of December 2007 Minutes
- Closed Committee Reports

EHR Subcommittee on Science & Engineering Indicators Open Session: 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

- Approval of December Minutes
- Chairman's Remarks
- Report on S&E Indicators 2008 Rollout
- Presentation on Innovation Measurement: Tracking the State of Innovation in the American Economy
- Science and Engineering Indicators 2010
- Presentation on Electronic "Digest"
- Chairman's Summary

Plenary Session

Open Session: 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon

- Approval of December 2007 Minutes
- Resolution to Close March 2008 Meeting
- Chairman's Report
- Director's Report
- Open Committee Reports

Plenary Session

Open Session: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

• Outcomes of NSF-Funded Research

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