

**AGENDA**  
**MPS Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**April 6 - 7, 2006**  
**National Science Foundation**

**Thursday, April 6 (Room 1235)**

- 7:30 a.m. Light refreshments
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, Logistics Lineberger
- 8:15 a.m. State of NSF/MPS & MPSAC discussion Sunley, Lineberger,  
MPSAC
- FY 2006 Appropriation
  - FY 2007 Budget Request
  - Status of major projects
  - Environment for planning
  - MPS planning
  - MPS senior staffing
- 9:45 a.m. Break**
- 10:15 a.m. Follow-up on MPSAC-related activities Orozco, Coppersmith
- PHY COV Report and discussion (for acceptance; 45 minutes)
- 11:00 a.m. - Workshop report and discussion: Building Strong Academic Chemistry Departments through Gender Equity (45 minutes) Friend, Houk, Echegoyen
- 11:45 a.m. - Senior Review status report and discussion (30 minutes) Blandford, Huchra
- 12.15 p.m. - Theory Workshop response (15 minutes) Aizenman
- 12:30 p.m. Charge to breakout sessions Sunley
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch and Breakout Sessions with MPS Divisions**
- 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:15 p.m. Reports from Divisional Breakout Sessions
- 5:30 p.m. Discussion of innovative/risky/transformational research Ellis
- 6:15 p.m. Adjourn**
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner**

**Friday, April 7 (Room 1235)**

- 7:30 a.m. Light Refreshments
- 7:45 a.m. NSF Strategic Plan Sunley, Robinson
- 8:30 a.m. Planning for the physical sciences and engineering in Europe Bressler, Mareschal
- 9:00 a.m. MPS perspective on planning needs for FY 2008 and beyond; charge for breakouts Sunley
- 9:15 a.m. Breakouts on planning topics/investment opportunities
- 10:45 a.m. Key issues from breakouts MPSAC
- For discussion with the Director
  - For later consideration by MPSAC
- 11:30 Meeting with NSF Director Arden Bement, Jr.**
- 12:15 Break**
- 12:30 Working Lunch**
- MPS Planning for FY 2008 and beyond (continued) MPSAC
- Organization of additional activities to refine materials
- Prioritization of potential investment opportunities
- 2:30 p.m. Summary; follow-up activities; other business MPSAC
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn**