

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the February 8, 2007 Meeting

This memorandum will be made publicly available for any interested parties to review. A more detailed summary of the meeting will be posted on the National Science Board (the Board) public Web site within approximately10 business days. A comprehensive set of Board-approved Open Session meeting minutes will be posted on the Board's public Web site following its March 2007 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 396th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

- The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (<u>NSB-06-130</u>) for the November 2006 meeting (<u>http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2006/1129/minutes.pdf</u>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed and Closed Sessions for the November 2006 meeting of the Board were also approved.
- 2. The Board approved a resolution to close portions of the upcoming March 29-30, 2007 Board meeting dealing with staff appointments; future budgets; grants and contracts; specific Office of the Inspector General investigations and enforcement actions; and National Science Foundation (NSF) participation in a civil or administrative action, proceeding, or arbitration (http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2007/0329/closing.pdf).
- The Board approved the draft report, *Enhancing Support of Transformative Research at the National Science Foundation* (<u>NSB-07-6</u>) (<u>http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/documents/2007/tr_draft.pdf</u>) for release to the public for review and comment.
- 4. The Board approved the recipients for the 2007 Vannevar Bush Award and the NSB Public Service Awards. Awardees will be announced after the Board Chairman has notified the awardees of their selection.
- 5. The Board authorized the Chairman to send a letter to the U.S. Senate expressing the Board's full endorsement to the FY 2007 Joint Resolution of Congress for the NSF research and related activities account, but also strongly encouraging congressional approval of a similar budget increase for the NSF education and human resources budget account.

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