National Science Foundation Advisory Committee for Business and Operations

Fall 2012 Meeting

November 14-15, 2012 Room 375

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

1:00 pm Welcome/Introductions/Recap of Recommendations

Co-Chairs: Charlene Hayes and Dick Seligman

1:15pm BFA/OIRM/CIO Updates

Presenters: Marty Rubenstein (Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management), Gene Hubbard (Office

of Information and Resource Management), Amy Northcutt (Chief Information Officer)

2:00 pm NSF Workforce Challenges- Overview

Review the results of the 2012 Employee Viewpoint Survey, including areas of strengths and areas needing improvement. Discuss overall action plans underway and under development.

Presenters: Gene Hubbard/Judy Sunley

2:45 pm NSF Workforce Challenges- BFA Strategic Priorities

The Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management is analyzing three strategic priorities that arose from a BFA-wide review of core processes, resource alignment and key functions. Staff identified the three priorities as critical steps toward organizational transformation and BFA seeks Committee input: (1) using risk assessment to prioritize operations; (2) reducing duplication among divisions; and (3) creating a SWAT team of staff with particular skills to address critical projects/needs as a professional development opportunity.

Presenter: Marty Rubenstein

3:15 pm Break

3:30 pm NSF Workforce Challenges- Managing Workload

Discussion to focus on panelist experiences in dealing with managing workload.

Panel/Discussants: Carson Eoyang, Joe Thompson

4:30 pm NSF Workforce Challenges- Performance Management

Discussion to focus on panelist experiences with performance management systems and benchmarking.

Panel/Discussants: Carson Eoyang, Joe Thompson

5:30 pm Adjourn

6:30 pm **Dinner- Front Page**

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8:00 am	Committee Discussion: Prepare for Meeting with Dr. Marrett

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9:30 am Break

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9:45 am NSF Workforce Challenges- Managing Workload- Program Viewpoint

Discuss workload challenges from the science program perspective. What were the changes and how did the changes positively affect workload and employee morale?

Presenters: Jane Silverthorne, Directorate of Biological Sciences

10:30 am Virtual Meetings

Discussion of status of virtual meetings at NSF with focus on appropriateness of virtual panels for this Committee once a year.

Presenter: José Muñoz, Chief Technology Officer

Discussant: Greg Jackson

11:15 am Environmental Scan: Discussion about External Factors and Upcoming Challenges and

Opportunities Affecting NSF

Summary of external/political situation as it affects NSF including the latest initiatives from OMB/OPM, budget concerns (CR/sequestration) and fallout of the elections.

Presenter: Marty Rubenstein

12:00 pm Wrap Up/Adjourn