

**National Science Foundation
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On behalf of NSF's Advisory Committee for Business and Operations (Advisory Committee), we hereby transmit the final report of the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Funding and Governance of Future Major Multi-user Facilities. The subcommittee was created in the spring of 2010. Their final report was submitted to the Advisory Committee on March 17, 2011 and was distributed to the full membership of the Advisory Committee for review well in advance of its May 17-18, 2011 meeting.

Subcommittee Chair Dr. Thomas Kirk met in person with the Advisory Committee to discuss the subcommittee's activities and recommendations, and respond to questions from the Advisory Committee. Following Dr. Kirk's presentation, the Advisory Committee engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of the topics addressed by the subcommittee.

The Advisory Committee has accepted the Final Report of the Subcommittee by unanimous vote. The report evidences diligence and thoughtfulness on the part of the Subcommittee and addresses in full the charge given to the Subcommittee. The report provides extensive information on several important questions concerning the future of NSF's participation in major multi-user facilities. The final report of the subcommittee should be given careful consideration by the NSF Senior Management and we are pleased to provide it to you.

Sincerely,



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