

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee**

**29 June 2006
National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, via teleconference**

Members attending:	Garth Illingworth (Chair) Neta Bahcall Wendy Freedman Daniel Lester	Angela Olinto Sterl Phinney Catherine Pilachowski Abhijit Saha
Agency personnel:	Eileen Friel, NSF-AST Dana Lehr, NSF-AST	Kathy Turner, DOE-HEP
Other participants:	Rocky Kolb, U. Chicago Lloyd Knox, U. California-Davis	Brian Dewhurst, NRC

MEETING CONVENED 5:00 PM EDT, 29 JUNE 2006

The Chair called the meeting to order, and all participants identified themselves.

The Chair recalled that the Dark Energy Task Force (DETF) chair, Rocky Kolb, reviewed the full DETF report at the 11-12 May AAAC meeting. The Chair reported that the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP) subsequently provided comments that have been incorporated into the report, and he stated that the final version was ready for transmission to agencies. The Chair asked if any other issues with the report were outstanding, and none were raised. The Committee voted unanimously to approve and transmit the DETF report to the agencies.

The Chair thanked Dr. Kolb and the DETF members for their outstanding work. The Chair stated that he would draft both a thank-you letter to the DETF members as well as a transmittal letter to the agencies. He noted that the formal transmittal letter will be sent to the DETF charge letter signatories and that he would also send a separate letter accompanying the report to the AAAC annual report recipients (i.e., the NSF Director, the NASA Administrator and the Secretary of Energy). The report would be copied to OSTP as well as to the copied recipients of the AAAC annual report.

Dr. Lester suggested adding commentary in the transmittal letter about the report's implementation. The Chair acknowledged this suggestion and stated that a draft letter would be distributed for the members' comments.

The Chair asked for other items for discussion, and none were raised.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:15 PM, 29 JUNE 2006