**Meeting Agenda**

**Directorate of Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (BIO AC)**

**National Science Foundation**

**April 15-16, 2021**

**Virtual (times shown are Eastern Daylight)**

**Day 1 April 15, 2021**

**10:00 AM** *Registration*

**10:30 AM** *Meeting Begins*

**10:30 AM Introductions and Agenda Review/Logistics**

Carla Cáceres, Chair, BIO AC

 Approval of BIO AC Minutes from Fall 2020 Meeting

**10:45 AM BIO Update**

Joanne Tornow, Assistant Director, BIO

 **Goal**: To provide information on recent and planned activities in BIO

 **Q&A** with BIO AC

**11:45 AM Update from Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering**

Suzanne Barbour (BIO AC Liaison to CEOSE)

**12:00 PM Update from Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Engineering**

Diane Pataki (Bio AC Liaison to AC ERE)

**12:15 PM** *Break*

**1:15 PM** **Program Director Panel Discussion on Virtual Panels**

 **Moderator**: Alan Tessier, Deputy Assistant Director, BIO

 **Goal**: To share info on use of virtual panels from program officer perspective and to hear feedback from AC.

**1:50 PM** *Break*

**2:00 PM Joint session with Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) Advisory Committee**

 **Moderator:** Carla Cáceres

 **Goal:** For AC members from GEO and BIO to share perspectives on science priorities and research needs relative to climate change, including potential for cross-disciplinary engagement by NSF in this general area

 **Material:** National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicine (2021) Global Change Research Needs and Opportunities for 2022-2031. [Link](https://www.nap.edu/catalog/26055/global-change-research-needs-and-opportunities-for-2022-2031).

**4:00 PM** *Break*

**4:15 PM Around the table**

 **Moderator:** Carla Cáceres, Chair, BIO AC

 **Goal**: BIO AC recap to gather ideas to present to the Director

**4:30 PM** *Adjourn*

**Day 2 April 16, 2020**

**10:00 AM** *Registration*

**10:30 AM** *Meeting Begins*

**10:30 AM DBI Committee of Visitors Report**

 **Moderator:** Tom Daniel (BIO AC member of COV)

 **Materials:** DBI COV Report

 **Action needed:** Approval of report by AC

**11:00 PM Finalize talking points for Director’s visit**

**11:20 AM** *Break*

**11:30 AM Visit with NSF Director Sethuraman Panchanathan and Chief Operating Officer Fleming Crim**

 **Goal**: For AC to provide input on opportunities for BIO to contribute to NSF priorities.

**12:15 PM AC Summary, Future action items, Wrap-up**

Joanne Tornow, BIO AD

 Carla Cáceres, Chair, BIO AC

**12:45 PM** *Adjourn*