

WEST VIRGINIA SCIENCE AND RESEARCH COUNCIL

November 7, 2019

A meeting of the West Virginia Science and Research Council was held on November 7, 2019 at 4:000 p.m. via a conference call. Attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Sarah Tucker
Dr. J. Ulises Toledo
Dr. Sheena Murphy for Dr. Fred King
Dr. Michael Norton
Dr. Jan Fox
Jeffrey Vandall for Ed Gaunch
Dr. John Maher
Anne Barth
Robin Sizemore for Dr. Steve Paine
Dr. Maura McLaughlin

OTHERS

Annette Carpenter
Angela Sundstrom
Dr. Brandi Ettehadih

CALL TO ORDER

After declaring a quorum was present, Dr. Tucker called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the prior 2 meetings held on June 6 and July 16 was requested; the motion carried.

NEW MEMBERS

New council members appointed by the Governor (Dr. J. Ulises Toledo and Dr. Jan Fox) were introduced to the group. Dr. Maura McLaughlin was also introduced as an appointed member from WVU. Rachel Roberts, another new member, was not in attendance. The new members replaced those members that had previously served 2 terms and the vacant spot previously held by the Department of Education and the Arts.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT Presented by Annette Carpenter (on behalf of Dr. Jan Taylor)

Federal Programs:

NSF RII Track 1

- Current Award -year 4 annual report was approved on 8/16/19; unlike most years there were no questions related to current balance so all appears to be on track to closeout on July 31 of 2020. Ms. Carpenter reminded all project managers to be sure they make purchases prior to July 31 (purchase orders don't count).
- Fall Semester Campus Visits – unknown status but Dr. Taylor had indicated to the staff that she would be scheduling them soon.
- New Proposal- to date, West Virginia has not received any questions from NSF or reviewers.

NSF RII Track 2

- Dr. Sheena Murphy briefed the group on 2 proposals awarded to WVU where they are the prime on one award and a sub-recipient on another. New proposals are due in January and she indicated that our consultant for external review (The Implementation Group) will assist in reviewing those soon. Dr. John Maher also indicated that Marshall will be submitting a proposal. Track 2 awards are collaborative proposals and an institution can only be the prime on one award at a time.

EPSCoR National Meeting

- Annette Carpenter (NSF EPSCoR Project Administrator) and Jack Carpenter (NSF Coalition representative) attended the National EPSCoR conference in Columbia SC. West Virginia did not have any student posters this

year. Ms. Carpenter reported that NSF will be changing the format for NSF biosketches in the near future and that anyone interested in learning more about NSF grants can attend the Fall NSF grants conference (online only) November 18-19.

NSF INCLUDES

-Dr. Ettehadieh gave a brief overview of the NSF INCLUDES project where the Division of Science and Research serves as the backbone entity. She will attend a bi-annual meeting of the FIRST 2 network starting tomorrow, November 8 at the Stonewall Jackson resort.

State Programs:

-The annual Research Trust Fund report was presented to LOCEA and approved by the HEPC Commission; Annette will send a link to the Council when it is posted to our website.

-Instrumentation and Innovation Grants are out for external review and the winners will be chosen by mid-November.

-SURE grants are up for renewal; these are 3 year awards and will renew on January 1.

OTHER

-Angela Sundstrom gave a brief update on the Neuron, the Neurite and the featured Scientist spotlight video.

-The next 4 STEM speakers have been confirmed. The fall speaker, Celine Gounder, will be tonight at 7p.m. at the Culture Center in Charleston.

NEXT MEETING

-The next regular meeting of the Council will be February 7th, 2020, at 1:30p.m. following Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.