

I. Committee Membership

The Committee of Visitors (COV) met on September 22 and 23, 2020 to review programs in the Division of Engineering Education and Centers (EEC) in the Directorate for Engineering. The COV Committee was composed of 17* members from the scientific and engineering community chosen for their breadth of expertise and experience in fields associated with EEC. The 17 COV members composed a diverse committee with respect to geography, type of institution, gender, ethnicity, age, sector (private and government), and scientific representation. The specific composition of the COV Committee membership was as follows:

Geographic and Demographic Representation

Geographic Region:

- Northeast (6)
- Southeast (2)
- Southwest (3)
- West (4)
- Midwest (2)
- Northwest (0)

Institution Types:

- 4 Private Educational Institutions
- 12 Public Educational Institutions
- 1 Industry

Demographics: 47% (8/17) female, 53% (9/17) male. COV members represented diversity in age and heritage.

Programmatic Representation

All members currently conduct or have conducted research in those disciplines, fields, or activities that are affected by EEC awards/outcomes and are representatives of the EEC programs under review.

II. Conflict of Interest Report

A Conflict of Interest (COI) briefing was provided to all members prior to conducting COV-related activities. A COI briefing was also conducted at the start of the COV meeting by a certified NSF (ENG) COI Officer. All COV members completed the NSF COI form (NSF 1230P). All members of the COV were barred from seeing proposals from their home institution. None of the COV members was involved in the review of

a program in which he or she had a pending proposal. The ENG COI officer was available at all times during the COV meeting to answer questions and/or resolve issues regarding conflicts of interest. No real or apparent conflicts arose during the course of the COV review of EEC programs.

*Two of the COV members originally planned to participate but had to withdraw due to extenuating circumstances. These individuals have been included in this Diversity and COI Report.