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SUBJECT: SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities COV: Diversity and Conflicts of Interest

The Committee of Visitors for the SBE Office of Multidisciplinary Activities (SMA) met on July 13-15, 2020, and the COV report and SBE response were approved by the SBE Advisory Committee on December 4, 2020. The COV consisted of 9 members selected for their expertise related to the goals of the SMA programs under review. They provided a balance with respect to the type of institutions supported by the programs, geographic region, and gender, and included two African Americans (breakdown shown below).

Characteristic	No. of COV Members
Member of SBE Advisory Committee	1
Organization Type (several individuals had multiple affiliations)	
University	8
Industry	1
Geographic Location	
Northeast (new England, Mid-Atlantic)	5
Midwest	1
Southeast	2
Southwest	0
West	1
Gender	
Male	6
Female	3
Race	
White	7
Black or African American	2
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Unknown	0
Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino	0

Not Hispanic or Latino	9
Unknown	0
Persons with Disabilities	0

The COV was briefed on Conflict-of-Interest (COI) issues, and each COV member completed a Conflicts-of-Interest and Confidentiality Statement (NSF Form 1230P). COV members who had a COI with proposals were not allowed access to the records associated with those proposals or awards, and those members were not allowed to participate in discussions of the actions with which they had a COI.

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