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SUBJECT: Division of Social and Economic Sciences COV: Diversity and Conflicts of Interest

The Committee of Visitors for the SBE Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) met on May 24-26, 2021, and the COV report and SBE response were approved by the SBE Advisory Committee on December 2, 2021. The COV consisted of 23 members selected for their expertise related to the goals of the SES programs under review. They provided a balance with respect to the type of institutions supported by the programs, gender, and representation from underrepresented group (breakdown shown below).

Characteristic	No. of COV Members
Member of SBE Advisory Committee	1
Organization Type (several individuals had multiple affiliations)	
University	22
Industry	1
Geographic Location	
Northeast (new England, Mid-Atlantic)	10
Midwest	8
Southeast	4
Southwest	
West	1
Gender	
Male	10
Female	13
Race	
White	16
Black or African American	3
Asian	2
American Indian or Alaskan Native	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	
Unknown	2
Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino	3

Not Hispanic or Latino	18
Unknown	2
Persons with Disabilities	1

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 particular 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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