**7:15 – 8:15** **REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** *– Participants*

**8:15 – 8:25** **INTRODUCTION and WELCOME / EXPECTATIONS for the Day**

***Video Welcome***

***Lisa-Joy Zgorski,*** *NSF Office of Legislative and Public Affairs*

***Welcome*** – ***Kelly Rusch****, NDSU Vice President for Research and Creative Activity*

***Remarks*** – ***Beth Ingram****, NDSU Provost*

***Remarks – Alex Finken,*** *Communications & Legislative Specialist, Office of US Senator John Hoeven*

***Video Remarks – US Senator Heidi Heitkamp***

***Remarks*** – ***Lisa Gibbens,*** *State Director, Office of Congressman Kevin Cramer*

**8:25 – 8:30 AUDIENCE INPUT – EXPECTATIONS FOR THE DAY** **–** *Lisa-Joy Zgorski*

**8:30 – 9:00****INTRODUCTION TO THE NSF and HOW IT IS ORGANIZED**

NSF 101 - ***–*** *Lisa-Joy Zgorski (15 min)*

Introductions of directorate/office representatives (2 min/each)

BIO – Biological Sciences - *Alan Wilson, DEB*

CISE - Computer and Information Science and Engineering – *Kamau Bobb, CNS*

EHR –Education and Human Resources – *Jodi Chase, HRD / David Haury, DRL*

ENG –Engineering – *Don Millard, EEC*

GEO –Geosciences *–* *Jennifer Wade, EAR*

MPS – Math and the Physical Sciences – *Nandini Kannan, DMS*

SBE – Social Behavioral Economic Sciences - *Colleen Fitzgerald, BCS*

OIA – Office of Integrative Activities – *Dragana Brzakovic, IA*

OISE –Office of International Science and Engineering - *Franklin Carrero-Martinez*

BFA - Budget, Finance and Award Management – *Samantha Brewton Hunter, Policy*

**9:00 – 10:00 GETTING STARTED**

**The Essentials –** *Samantha Brewton Hunter - 20*

**Things to Consider Before Applying / Writing a Proposal** *– 15 min – Don Millard*

**Sections of a Proposal –***10 min – Jennifer Wade*

**Questions and Answers** – *15 min*

**10:00 – 10:15 BREAK**

**10:15 – 10:45 MERIT REVIEW***: Animation – 10 min, discussion - 20 min – Dragana Brzakaviac,*

*Nandini Kannon*

**10:45 – 11:00 QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

**11:00 – 12:00 CAREER PROGRAM –** *15 min – Alan Wilson*

*All program managers – 2-3 min/each – 20- 30 min*

*Questions and Answers from audience – 15-25 min*

**12:00 – 12:15 HEAD TO LUNCH**

**12:15 – 12:30 BEGIN LUNCH**

**12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH, PANEL: LESSONS LEARNED FROM SUCCESSFUL PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS**

*Peter Bergholz, NDSU’s Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Science;*

*Lisa Montplasir, NDSU Department of Biological Sciences; Erika G. Offerdahl, NDSU’s Department of Biology;* Wenfang Sun, NDSU *Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry;*

**1:30 – 1:45 BREAK – *Return to plenary room***

**1:45 – 2:45 NSF-WIDE and CROSSCUTTING PROGRAMS –**

*A sampling of programs will be described and discussed for 2-3 min each and will include*

*Programs, such as* **RAPID/EAGER (Alan),** ADVANCE (Jody), BRAIN (Colleen), **INT (Franklin)**, **[T-CUP] (Jody), MRI, OIA-EPSCoR (Dragana),** GRFP, NRI, GRIP, GROW, **REU (Nandini)** RET/RUI **(Alan) INCLUDES (Colleen)**, **[INFEWS (David), NCS (Integrative Strategies for Understanding Neural and Cognitive Systems), Software Infrastructure (S12-SSE & SSE)] (Kamau), I-CORPS,** GOALI (Don), SBIR/STIR, [**Advanced Manufacturing] (Don) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** *– All*

**2:45 – 3:00 BREAK – Head to first break out session - *See list in participant packet***

**3:00 – 4:00**  **FIRST BREAKOUT SESSIONS – by discipline/NSF directorate/office**

Others: OIA – MRI; BFA- Policies for grant administrators; EHR – T-CUP

**4:00 - 4:15 BREAK – Head to second break out session - *See list in participant packet***

**4:15 – 5:15 SECOND BREAKOUT SESSION – by topics of interest**

E.g., OIA – EPSCoR (Dragana)**,** EHR – REU (David) SBE-BRAIN, EHR+GEO – PADLE (Jody and Colleen) [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I NEED SOME INPUT HERE]

**5:15 – 5:30 BREAK**

**5:30 – 5:45 SUMMARY / CLOSING SESSION**