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From: Deputy Assistant Director for Geosciences *Juc*

Re: Selection of ULAFOS COV

The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in a large measure, on the selection of credible, independent experts who are able to provide balanced and impartial assessments to NSF. Prior to sending out the letters of invitation to serve on the UCAR and Lower Atmospheric Facilities Section (ULAFOS) COV, the ATM Division Director, the ULAFOS Section Head, and the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences were consulted regarding potential COV candidates.

The Committee represented a broad segment of disciplines consistent with the scope of activities for which ULAFOS has oversight responsibilities. The Committee contained expertise in atmospheric sciences ranging from meteorology to remote sensing. This diverse Committee with three female participants, including one Native-American, one African-American, and two from the private sector, reviewed and evaluated both the facilities and science aspects supported by the ULAFOS. All committee members were familiar with some aspects of the UCAR and NCAR enterprise and have had various levels of association in the past. However, within the last five years no panel member has ever been directly funded by ULAFOS. The Committee Chair, John Snow, serves on the Advisory Committee for Geosciences.

There were no conflicts of interest among the COV members.

COV members present during the meeting were:

John Snow (Chair)

Dean, College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
University of Oklahoma
National Weather Center

James Decker

Decker Garman Sullivan and Associates, LLC

Vicki E. Rose

Atmospheric Technology Services Company

Susan L. Ustin

Professor
Department of Land, Air and Water Resources
University of California Davis

Quinton Williams

Chair and Associate Professor

Department of Physics, Atmospheric Sciences and General Sciences

Sepideh Yalda

Professor of Meteorology