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SUBJECT: Report on Diversity, Independence, Balance, and Resolution of Conflicts  
for the CNS Committee of Visitors

This is my report to you on the diversity, independence, balance, and resolution of conflicts of the Committee of Visitors (COV) for the Division of Computer and Network Systems (CNS) held from May 11-13, 2009.

The COV, which was assembled to review the CNS Division, and whose report was accepted by the CISE Advisory Committee on May 7, 2010, consisted of thirty-two (32) members, of whom twenty-six (26) are male, six (6) are female, and three (3) of are African American. One of the members did not self-identify.

Twenty-four (24) of the COV members are from academia and seven (8) are from industry. The members' expertise reflects the research areas of CNS's clusters, i.e., computer systems, network technology and systems, computing research infrastructure, and education and workforce. All invited COV members attended the meeting.

The Chair of the COV, Dr. Ken Berman, is the N. Rama Professor of Computer Science, Cornell University. The Co-Chair of the COV, Dr. M. Brian Blake, is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Computer Science, Georgetown University. One committee member is an Assistant Professor. The remaining committee members from academia are Associate and Full Professors. Two (2) members are Department Chairs; one member is a Distinguished Full Professor; and one member holds the Nortel Chair in Network Architecture and Services. Industry members' titles include: Research Associate and Senior Network Engineer, Leading Researcher, Director of the Systems Department, Senior Manager, Research Scientist, Executive Director, Senior Research Program Manager, and Distinguished Engineer.

Eight (8) COV members are individuals who at the time of the meeting had not been applicants to CISE in the past five years and did not at the time of the meeting serve on

any NSF Advisory Committee. Most COV members are familiar with CNS from having served on the CISE Advisory Committee or review panels, or are former or current grantees. None had proposals pending with CNS during the COV meeting. A conflict of interest briefing was held on the first day of the COV meeting. All COV members were required to complete the NSF Conflict of Interest form.

All academic members of the COV were barred from seeing proposals from their home institutions, and all noted conflicts were resolved by barring members from seeing specific proposals with which they had conflicts. No real or apparent conflicts arose during the course of the meeting.