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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 7, 2012

TO: Steven Meacham, Staff Associate, OIA

FROM: Myron Gutmann, AD, SBE

SUBJECT: Report of the Committee of Visitors for the SBE Multidisciplinary Activities (SMA) Division within the SBE directorate

Attached please find the report of the Committee of Visitors (COV) for the Division of SBE Multidisciplinary Activities. The COV report was discussed and accepted at the May 2012 meeting of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Advisory Committee. The charge to the COV, SBE's formal response to the recommendations of the COV, and lists of COV members and SBE Advisory Committee members are also attached.

The SBE Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships and Follow-up Research Starter Grants (MPRF) and Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Sites programs each had two COV members assigned. The Science of Science and Innovation Policy (SciSIP) program had four COV members assigned. In addition the COV included a Chair from the SBE Advisory Committee. The COV was composed of 5 men and 4 women from a variety of academic institutions and regions of the country. It also included two underrepresented minorities. Six members of the program had received past funding from the NSF, three had not. Four of the members had no experience (as panelist or applicant) with the SES program they were responsible for reviewing. The sample of proposals was selected to avoid institutional conflicts with the COV members; individual conflicts were dealt with by blocking the member's access to any proposals for which they had a personal conflict of interest.

## Attachments

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