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**Memorandum**

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**TO:** Stephen Meacham  
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**SUBJECT:** SBE Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) COV; Diversity and Conflicts of Interest

The Committee of Visitors (COV) for SBE’s Division of Social and Economic (SES) met on July 11-13, 2016; the COV report was approved at the SBE Advisory Committee meeting on October 27, 2016, at NSF. The SES COV consisted of twenty-two members selected for their expertise related to one or more of the programs within the division. The COV members provided a balance with respect to the geographic location of institutions, gender, and inclusion of members from underrepresented groups.

Characteristic		# of COV Members
Member of SBE Advisory Committee		22
Organization Type	University	21
	Four-Year College	1
	Two-Year College	0
	K-12 School	0
	Industry	0
	Federal or State Government Agency	0
	Public/Private Foundation	0
	Membership Association	0
Geographic Location	Northeast (New England, Mid-Atlantic)	3
	Mid Atlantic	3
	Midwest	10
	South	2
	West	4
Gender	Male	14
	Female	8
Race/ Ethnicity	White	17
	Black or African American	1
	Asian	2
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	0
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
	Hispanic or Latino	2
	Unknown	0
Persons with Disabilities		0

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 or awards 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. During the course of the COV a COI was identified; when that occurred, the conflicted member stepped down from the COV and did not contribute to the final COV report.