

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL & ECONOMIC SCIENCES  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Advisory Committee Charter**

**1. Committee's Official Designation** Advisory Committee for Social, Behavior & Economic Sciences (the Committee), #1171

**2. Authority** This Committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. and the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1861 et. seq.

**3. Objective and Scope of Activities** To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research, education, and human resources in the Directorate of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE).

**4. Description of Duties** Review and advise on the impact of programs in the disciplines and fields encompassed by the Directorate.

Advise on overall program management and performance.

Advise as to the impact of overall NSF-wide policies on the SBE scientific community.

**5. Official to Whom the Committee Reports** The Committee reports to the Assistant Director of Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate.

**6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support** The National Science Foundation will be responsible for financial and administrative support.

**7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years** The estimated annual operating cost of the Committee is about \$200,000 that includes about \$50,000 in staff support costs. Staff support is approximately .5 person-years.

**8. Designated Federal Officer** A full-time or permanent part-time NSF employee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call the Committee and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve meeting agendas, attend committee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest. The Deputy Assistant Director of SBE will serve as DFO. Alternate DFOs may be appointed.

**9. Estimate Number and Frequency of Meetings** The committee will meet approximately two times a year.

**10. Duration** It is expected that the Committee will continue indefinitely with renewals of the charter every two years as required under FACA.

**11. Termination** The committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

**12. Memberships and Designation** The standing membership will consist of about 20 persons selected to achieve a balance of viewpoint and expertise in scientific areas and types of institutions encompassed by SBE activities. Every effort is made to achieve a balanced membership that includes women, minority scholars, disabled persons, as well as different geographic regions of the U.S. In addition, ad hoc members will be selected to convene on subcommittees.

It is anticipated that members will be comprised of Special Government Employees (SGE) and Regular Government Employees (RGE).

**13. Subcommittees** NSF may form subcommittees for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees may not work independently and must report their recommendation and advice to the full committee for full deliberation and discussion.

**14. Recordkeeping** The records of the Committee shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and applicable agency records disposition schedule.

**15. Certification** This Committee is determined to be necessary and in the public interest.

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