Federal Advisory Committee
MEMBERSHIP BALANCE PLAN

National Science Foundation
Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering

(1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME

Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering (AC-ISE), #25104

(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 FACA Implementing Regulations (41 CFR 101-6 and 102-3).

(3) MISSION/FUNCTION

The AC-ISE is a discretionary advisory committee established to serve the following mission and functions.

Mission: Provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research, education and related activities involving the U.S. science and engineering community working in a global context, as well as strategic efforts to promote a more effective NSF role in international science and engineering.

Functions:

a. Advise NSF on the impact of NSF and U.S. Government policies on international engagements of the U.S. research and science education communities.

b. Advise NSF on agency-wide strategic goals and initiatives in the international science and engineering research and education arena.

c. Advise NSF on OIIA/ISE's stewardship of NSF's international leadership in science and engineering activities.

d. Review and advise on the impact of research and education programs supported by the Office of International and Integrative Activities/International Science and Engineering (OIIA/ISE)

(4) POINTS OF VIEW

The membership of the committee will consist of approximately 10-15 individuals. There will be a regular rotation of members. Primary considerations are:

a. Members should have a recognized pertinent expertise or demonstrated ability that can contribute to achievement of the Committee's mission and functions.

b. Members should be familiar with general issues affecting international engagements and collaborations between U.S. and non-U.S. researchers and educators.

c. Within reasonable limits, members' field of specialty should be complementary within the Committee.

Federal employee members will be designated as Regular Government Employees (RGEs). Individuals outside the federal government will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGE).

(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS

To the extent practicable, other factors considered are:

a. Qualified individuals reflecting the scientific areas, geographic regions, and types of organizations encompassed by the NSF's international, research and education activities that may potentially be affected by NSF actions on international issues.

   Qualified individuals reflecting underrepresented groups, such as ethnic minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities.

(6) CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

The Office Head, Office of International and Integrative Activities (OIIA), will solicit suggestions for potential members from a wide range of sources, including but not limited to: senior NSF management, knowledgeable NSF program staff, other Federal agencies involved with international research and education activities, and the general public. Solicitations for public nomination of advisory committee members will be posted on the NSF Web site and in the Federal Register.

Suggestions will be reviewed and potential candidates will be identified taking into consideration the factors described above. A short list of qualified candidates will be developed and discussed by senior OIIA and NSF management. The Office Head, OIIA, will identify the top candidates and they will be contacted for interest and availability.

AC-ISE members will serve three-year terms, subject to a one-time renewal, at the discretion of the Office Head, OIIA

A member of the Committee for Equal Opportunity in Science and Engineering (CEOSE), as designated by CEOSE and approved by the Office Head, OIIA, will serve as a member of the AC-ISE

(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE

The process used to determine advisory committee member balance for the parent AC-ISE will be used for any subcommittee that may be created, such as a Committee of Visitors.

(8) OTHER

None.

(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED

The AC-ISE Membership Balance Plan was prepared on February 9, 2015

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and Integrative Activities

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