

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the December 1-2, 2010 Meeting

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. A more detailed summary of the meeting will be forthcoming and posted on the National Science Board (Board, NSB) public Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>). The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the December 2010 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the February 2011 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 417th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to extend funding for the Science of Learning Center (SLC): Learning in Informal and Formal Environments (LIFE) Center to the University of Washington.
2. The Board authorized the Acting Deputy Director, at her discretion, to extend funding for the SLC: Center of Excellence for Learning in Education, Science, and Technology (CELEST) to Boston University.
3. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to issue a Request for Proposal for Arctic Research Support and Logistic Services.
4. The Board approved the recipients for the 2011 Vannevar Bush Award and the 2011 NSB Public Service Awards. The names of the awardees will be revealed in a public announcement this spring.
5. The Board agreed on the site of the next annual Board retreat and off-site visit to be held on September 13-14, 2011.
6. The Board Chairman discharged the Task Force on the NSB 60th Anniversary, with thanks to Dr. Galloway, chairman, and Drs. Benbow, Bruer, Griffiths, Randall, Sullivan, and Taylor, members.

7. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-10-58) for the August 2010 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2010/0825/minutes.pdf>) and the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-10-73) for the September 2010 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2010/0924/minutes.pdf>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed Session (NSB-10-72) for September 2010 and the Plenary Closed Session (NSB-10-57) for the August 2010 meeting of the Board were also approved.

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