**National Space Grant Alliance**

**Telecon Minutes**

**February 18, 2011**

**Participants:** Chris Brown, Mary Sandy, Terry Shehata, Pete Schultz, Yervant Terzian, Dick Henry, John Gregory, Angela Des Jardins, Chris Koehler, Majid Jaraiedi, and Jaydeep Mukherjee

**Guests:** Carolyn Fuller, Joe Danek

**January 7, 2011 minutes**: Dick Henry moved to approve the minutes, Mary Sandy seconded, All in favor

**February 4, 2011 minutes**: Dick Henry moved to approve the minutes, Mary Sandy seconded, All in favor

**Update from VSA/TIG: Carolyn Fuller, Joe Danek**

* + House votes for CR tomorrow
  + Federal budget: $60B -$100B below FY2010 level, goes back to the FY2008 level
  + Senate in support of FY 2010 level with small cuts
  + Probably have a short time CR

Mary Sandy added that Congressman Wolf’s staff has cautioned us to align everything with the administration goals.

**Message and strategy for Hill Visits**: **Carolyn Fuller**

Carolyn requested some help for obtaining sponsorship of the Dear Colleague letter. She added that a draft of the letter will be sent to the Board next week. Chris Brown suggested that Carolyn also email the list of the people who signed the letter last year. Joe Danek mentioned that, along with Chris Brown, he will modify the NSGA one-pager to align with the Congressional STEM priorities. Chris Brown asked the Board to have a look at the one-page NSGA flyer and make specific changes to the flyer. He added that the deadline for the one pager is Friday, February 25, 2011.

Chris Brown mentioned that he will not be able to attend the National Meeting. John Gregory will lead the Alliance meeting in Washington, DC.

**Council Update: Chris Koehler**

* There will be no new proposals for FY 2011 base funding, which is at $28.6M
* Confirmed that Lori Garver will attend the National Meeting
* The plan for the next 3 years is that the progress report, once accepted, will trigger the base funding. This might change if the Design team makes other suggestions.

**Future meetings:**

Chris Brown reminded the board that the next Alliance Board meeting is on March 1, 2011 at 4pm. The meeting will be led by John Gregory. The next telecon will be held on March 17th at 3pm.

**Review of Action Items:**

* Joe Danek and Carolyn Fuller will send the draft of the Dear Colleague letter to the Alliance Board along with the list of suggested contacts
* The Alliance Board will review the NSGA one pager and send Chris Brown any specific changes to the document

Telecon adjourned at 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jaydeep Mukherjee