

Board of Directors of the National Space Grant Alliance

Minutes of the March 20, 2002, Meeting in Crystal City, VA

The meeting was convened at 9:35am at the Marriott Crystal City Gateway.

Participating: Gregory (Chair, presiding), Atkinson, Byrd, DeCosmo, Dowling, Durrance, Hackney, Hawkins, Henry, Hines, Hiscock, Klein, Sandy, Sukanek, Teasdale, Terzian, Wefel, Yingst

Participating from VSA/TIG:

Joe Danek, Carolyn Fuller, Collette Marchesini-Pollock

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 27, 2002 Board Meeting

The minutes of the February 27, 2002, meeting in Washington, DC, were approved as read.

2. Review of the FY02 Budget Increase and Plan for FY03 Request

John Gregory reviewed the disposition of the FY02 increase, as described in the Alliance Newsletter. The Board discussed acquiring an administrative assistant for Diane, with the Virginia Space Grant to hire and support the person, with full benefits.

The Board also reviewed the description of what we're asking for FY03. It was noted that the previous Senate authorization expired at the end of FY02. Our request for FY03 will be \$28M, based as it was last year on upgrades, workforce development, and a national satellite initiative involving students in production and use of the satellite(s).

3. Report from VSA/TIG

Joe Danek discussed the main points of presentation to be made to the Alliance on the afternoon following the Board meeting. Currently, NASA deals with Space Grant and EPSCoR-like congressional earmarks. For distribution of the new money, competitive review is needed, because of the new administrator and other factors. In particular, all agencies are subject to the president's management agenda and must report quarterly on progress and improvement in 5 rated areas. Human capital is one of the most important issues for NASA, and our message is that we are contributing to NASA's human capital as we build the NASA workforce.

For directors to take to the Hill, there are two brochures -- last year's describing Space Grant in general, plus one describing the space grant student satellite initiative.

4. Questions for Courtney Stadd

The Board considered questions that should be asked of Courtney Stadd. It was decided that we should ask about the Space Grant workforce initiative and how it fits into NASA's agenda. We have a national network involving all the states. We should ask what we can do to help NASA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Draft minutes submitted by Richard Hackney