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Space Grant Planning Session Ithaca, NY · July 2004

AGENDA

- VSA/TIG Report- Joe Danek
- Report: June 2004 Meeting at VSA- Brent Bowen
 - Issue of NASA administrative fees to be deducted from forthcoming appropriations
 - Funding level to be disclosed at time of mark-up
 - Necessity of keeping our requested language focused and easy to implement
 - VSA suggests that it's not always clear what the SG Alliance wants other than increased funding.
 - Preliminary indication is that the 5 year goals are not realistic.
 - Selling the program needs to include big ideas.
 - VSA will alert us to contact Congressional delegations as needed. Some requests may be state-specific.
 - NASA authorization is not likely.
 - Without aggressive action, SG would remain at the NASA-base level of \$19.1 M
 - The Office of Management & Budget suggests that R&D will remain flat for 10 years.
 - States need to work campus political channels.
 - States should not expect March to be the only lobby month. Congressional contact is suggested every two months.
 - A communications strategy to be implemented during the Fall would be a beneficial precursor to the March lobby effort.
 - Committee staff need national program information of high value to NASA, workforce development & K-12.
 - VSA asked that Carri Booth be the primary point of contact (cbooth@vsadc.com)
- Report: 501(c)(4) Tax Status of the SG Alliance- Brent Bowen
- Results of a review of the corporate records by Bassel El-Kasaby
- Review of the VSA/TIG contract for FY 2005
- Recommendation for an audit
- Process to update the 5 year implementation plan
- Action items to carry forward from previous Alliance meetings
- Treasurer's report and dues status
- Confirm Alliance Secretary position vacated by R. Hackney
- Confirm election of Brent Bowen as Alliance Chair
- FY 2005 request language

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