



**Meeting Agenda**  
**Directorate of Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (BIO AC)**  
**National Science Foundation**  
**April 15-16, 2021**  
**Virtual (times shown are Eastern Daylight)**

**Day 1      April 15, 2021**

**10:00 AM**      *Registration*

**10:30 AM**      *Meeting Begins*

**10:30 AM**      **Introductions and Agenda Review/Logistics**  
Carla Cáceres, Chair, BIO AC  
Approval of BIO AC Minutes from Fall 2020 Meeting

**10:45 AM**      **BIO Update**  
Joanne Tornow, Assistant Director, BIO  
**Goal:** To provide information on recent and planned activities in BIO  
**Q&A** with BIO AC

**11:45 AM**      **Update from Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering**  
Suzanne Barbour (BIO AC Liaison to CEOSE)

**12:00 PM**      **Update from Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Engineering**  
Diane Pataki (Bio AC Liaison to AC ERE)

**12:15 PM**      *Break*

**1:15 PM**      **Program Director Panel Discussion on Virtual Panels**  
**Moderator:** Alan Tessier, Deputy Assistant Director, BIO  
**Goal:** To share info on use of virtual panels from program officer perspective and to hear feedback from AC.

**1:50 PM**      *Break*

**2:00 PM**      **Joint session with Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) Advisory Committee**  
**Moderator:** Carla Cáceres  
**Goal:** For AC members from GEO and BIO to share perspectives on science priorities and research needs relative to climate change, including potential for cross-disciplinary engagement by NSF in this general area  
**Material:** National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicine (2021) Global Change Research Needs and Opportunities for 2022-2031. [Link](#).

**4:00 PM**      *Break*

**4:15 PM**      **Around the table**  
**Moderator:** Carla Cáceres, Chair, BIO AC  
**Goal:** BIO AC recap to gather ideas to present to the Director

**4:30 PM**      *Adjourn*

**Day 2**      **April 16, 2020**

**10:00 AM**      *Registration*

**10:30 AM**      *Meeting Begins*

**10:30 AM**      **DBI Committee of Visitors Report**  
**Moderator:** Tom Daniel (BIO AC member of COV)  
**Materials:** DBI COV Report  
**Action needed:** Approval of report by AC

**11:00 PM**      **Finalize talking points for Director's visit**

**11:20 AM**      *Break*

**11:30 AM**      **Visit with NSF Director Sethuraman Panchanathan and Chief Operating Officer Fleming Crim**  
**Goal:** For AC to provide input on opportunities for BIO to contribute to NSF priorities.

**12:15 PM**      **AC Summary, Future action items, Wrap-up**  
Joanne Tornow, BIO AD  
Carla Cáceres, Chair, BIO AC

**12:45 PM**      *Adjourn*