MATH, SCIENCE & SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

Meeting Minutes

Nanotechnology Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, February 29th, 2008 - 7:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nick Cabot	Dan Graham	Guy Hamilton
Mark Helsel	Len McNally	Brian Ruby
Jeanne Small		

FACULTY AND STAFF PRESENT

Alissa Agnello	Tracy Furutani	Tom Griffith
Bob Kaercher	Peter Lortz	Steve Miller
Mary Ellen O'Keeffe		

WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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I. INTRODUCTIONS

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II. UPDATES FROM NSCC

CURRENT ENROLLMENTS: Alissa reported eight students are currently enrolled in the program. Four will be finishing the program upon completion of their internship. One of first year students received the WAVE scholarship award.

NSF GRANT PROPOSAL: Tracy reported on the NSF Grant Proposal. Final word has not been received as to whether NSCC will get the grant or not.

NEW "PATHWAYS" FOR DEGREE: Alissa distributed information regarding the new "pathways" degrees which will accommodate a bigger population of students. The additional new pathway will be geared towards Material Science and Engineering.

CONNECTIONS WITH UW: Alissa said Michael Hoffberg at the University has written a grant which includes NSCC students to receive cost-free instrument time. Len recommended we build a good working relationship with the University. Steve suggested exploring changing the prefix of NANO. Pete recommended having a strategic meeting to work on the transfer of NSCC students to the University of Washington.

CASCADIA NANOTECH SYMPOSIUM: Alissa will attend at this symposium in Vancouver, B.C. Attendees will be from Alberta, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

III. INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT CAPABILITIES

PLANS FOR INTERNSHIP: Alissa is working with Kurt Simmons, internship coordinator at NSCC, to diversify Nano internships, focusing on basics, resume writing, interviewing, and job skills. A discussion followed on how the TAC Committee could support NSCC's internship program.

The agenda was not completely covered. Pete asked the committee to respond to the following question via email: Are we hitting all the Nanotech areas in curriculum, marketing, TAC membership and funding opportunities.

Steve Miller told the committee the Nano Certificate was at the State level for approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.