AGENDA
Quarterly Meeting
SD Space Grant Consortium
Monday, April 7, 2008 (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
Washington Pavilion of Arts & Science, Sioux Falls, SD
Executive Board Room (4th Floor)

* (12:15 p.m. – Pre-meeting catered, self-serve lunch)

- Introductions

- Open discussion with Matt Varilek from U.S. Senator Tim Johnson's Office

- Overview of Spring 2008 National Space Grant Directors’ Meeting
  - Direction from NASA Headquarters
  - Foci of the six Space Grant “program areas”
  - Regarding the pre-college program area, focus on teacher-training for continuing education and college credit
    - How to use K-12 affiliate partnerships effectively under NASA’s pre-college directives
  - Space Grant continues to remain mainly a “higher education” program
  - Unique student programs of SDSGC – current and future
  - Direct vs. indirect participants

- FY2008 Space Grant Budget

- Summer 2008 Robotics Teacher-Training

- South Dakota Space Days 2008 – Oct. 16-17 in Watertown (in conjunction with NASA’s 50th Year Anniversary)

- 2008 Project Initiation Grant – Award Overviews
  - RESPEC – “Developing an Internet-Accessible Database of Three Dimensional Geologic and Engineering Data for the Homestake Mine”
  - Augustana – “Robotics as an Exciting Platform for Learning Computer Science Concepts”

- NASA’s 20th Year Evaluation of Space Grant

- Strategic Plan mapping to NASA’s three new Education Outcomes
  - **Outcome 1:** Contribute to the development of the STEM workforce in disciplines needed to achieve NASA’s strategic goals (Employ and Educate)
  - **Outcome 2:** Attract and retain students in STEM disciplines through a progression of educational opportunities for students, teachers, and faculty (Educate and Engage)
  - **Outcome 3:** Build strategic partnerships and linkages between STEM formal and informal education providers that promote STEM literacy and awareness of NASA’s mission (Engage and Inspire)

- Other

- Adjourn

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