DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Parole Commission


AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, January 21, 2010.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Blvd., Fourth Floor, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the open Parole Commission meeting:

1. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2009 Quarterly Business Meeting.
2. Reports from the Chairman, Commissioners, and Section Administrators.
3. Public Comment on Interim Rules Implementing the Equitable Street Time Credit Amendment Act.
5. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT) & Secure Residential Treatment Program (SRTP) Funding.

AGENCY CONTACT: Patricia W. Moore, Staff Assistant to the Chairman, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492–5933.

Dated: January 12, 2010.
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General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of Humanities Panels will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisette Voyatzis, Attorney-Advisor, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606–8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment’s TDD terminal on (202) 606–8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman’s Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. Date: February 4, 2010.
   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American, British, and Anglophone Literature in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

2. Date: February 8, 2010.
   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American, British, and Anglophone Literature in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

3. Date: February 9, 2010.
   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American History/American Studies in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American Studies in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American History/American Studies in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American History/American Studies in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American History/American Studies in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

8. Date: February 17, 2010.
   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American History/American Studies in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

   Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   Room: 315.
   Program: This meeting will review applications for American History/American Studies in Scholarly Editions, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

    Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
    Room: 315.
    Program: This meeting will review applications for Archaeology: Old World/Ancient History in Collaborative Research, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.

    Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
    Room: 315.
    Program: This meeting will review applications for Archaeology: Old World/Ancient History in Collaborative Research, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the October 29, 2009 deadline.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Suzanne H. Plimpton at (703) 292–7556 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 20, 2009, we published in the Federal Register (74 FR 60300) a 60-day notice of our intent to request renewal of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days ending January 19, 2009. We received one comment regarding this notice.

Comment: One comment was received from Roger Clegg, President and General Counsel, Center for Equal Opportunity: “The ADVANCE Program is described as ‘address[ing] the underrepresentation and inadequate advancement of women,’ and ‘gender equity outcomes,’ for STEM faculty. We hope that the Program does not contemplate the use of quotas, numerical goals, or other discrimination or preferences as ways to address underrepresentation (a dubious term) or gender equity (likewise dubious). Such discrimination and preference is presumptively unconstitutional when engaged in by government, including federal government agencies (see Mississippi University for Women v. Hogan, 458 U.S. 718 (1982) (gender discrimination requires an ‘exceedingly persuasive justification’), and faculty discrimination on the basis of sex is illegal under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.”

Response: We responded via email on November 30, 2009: Thank you for your comment in response to the Federal Register notice published November 20, 2009 “National Science Foundation Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request.” The NSF ADVANCE program does not use quotas, numerical goals, or other discrimination or preferences. Further information on the ADVANCE program is available at: http://www/nsf.gov/advance.

Title of Collection: Quantitative Evaluation of the ADVANCE Program.

OMB Control No.: 3145–NEW.

Abstract: The ADVANCE Program was established by the National Science Foundation in 2001 to address the underrepresentation and inadequate advancement of women on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) faculties at postsecondary institutions. The evaluation being conducted by Westat focuses on the outcomes of two ADVANCE program components: (a) The first two (2001 and 2003) cohorts of Institutional Transformation (IT) awardees, and (b) both (2002 and 2004) cohorts of individuals receiving ADVANCE Fellows awards. The study will rely on a thorough review of project documents and relevant literature; a survey (facilitated online via WebEx) and an outcome indicator data form (distributed and completed electronically) for the 19 IT awardee institutions; and a mail survey, with telephone followup as needed, of all 59 former Fellows.

In addition, the study will use data from the 2001 and 2008 administrations of the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR) for comparison purposes.

The evaluation of the IT component has two primary goals: To compare selected gender equity outcomes for STEM faculty at the 19 IT Cohorts 1 and 2 institutions and at other similar U.S. four-year colleges and universities that have not subsequently received ADVANCE IT awards, and to develop innovative institutional-level measures of changes in gender equity climate and practices that can be applied to evaluating the outcomes of the IT award. The primary goal of the Follows evaluation is to compare the career trajectories of ADVANCE Fellows with those of similar individuals who were not awarded these fellowships.

Respondents: Faculty and staff at institutions of higher education and individuals holding doctoral degrees in STEM fields awarded an NSF ADVANCE Fellowship.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 139.

Burden on the Public: 1,859 hours.


Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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