GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
February 16, 2006  
3:00pm, MU 212

**Present:** Koenig (chair), Filtz, Francis, Gitelman, Harter, McCandless, Proebsting, Rettig, Rockey, and Unsworth

**Absent:** Gupta, McLain, Tadepalli

1. **IGERT Proposal Review**

Oregon State University is allowed to submit only four proposals for the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program (IGERT). At the request of the Research Office, the Graduate Council reviewed six letters of intent to prepare proposals:

- Advanced Materials for Environmental Sustainability
- Computational Science: Data Simulation, Acquisition, and Visualization
- Fundamentals and Applications of Novel 3-Dimensional Imaging Techniques for Multi-Scale Characterization of Complex Heterogeneous Systems
- Integrated Bio-Inspired Energy Transport
- Integrated Synthesis, Analysis and Interpretation of Earth Structure and Dynamics Earthscope and Related Data Sets
- Waterborne Pathogens: Evolution, Ecology, and Environment

By majority vote, the Council identified four of the letters that ranked above the other two. At the request of the Council, Associate Dean Rettig submitted the following email to the Research Office:

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**From:** Rettig, Bruce  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2006 4:24 PM  
**To:** Higginbotham, Jack  
**Cc:** Delmore, Debbie; Koenig, Hal - COB; Francis, Sally K.  
**Subject:** RE: NSF-IGERT proposals for review

Jack, the Graduate Council recommends that the following letters be developed into full proposals:

Advanced Materials for Environmental Sustainability  
Fundamentals and Applications of Novel 3-Dimensional Imaging Techniques for Multi-Scale Characterization of Complex Heterogeneous Systems  
Integrated Synthesis, Analysis and Interpretation of Earth Structure and Dynamics: Earthscope and Related Data Sets  
Waterborne Pathogens: Evolution, Ecology, and Environment

Each of these proposals and the others that were not ranked in the top four have very interesting and promising features. The Graduate Council believed that any of them, with additional development, would represent Oregon State University well. We extend our hope for success in the national competition for these four and our regrets to the others who submitted proposals that Oregon State University is not allowed to submit more than four.

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