

## Executive Summary of XSEDE Advisory Board Meeting

**Meeting Date:** June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Meeting Place:** Teleconference via Skype.

**Preface:** *The primary topic of this meeting was the recent NSF Panel Review, to provide the XAB with a general debrief from the leadership team's perspective, and discuss the feedback provided by NSF. The XAB was pleased to hear it reported that almost all of the recommendations were in areas that the leadership team has already been exploring on its own initiative, and that the team received applause from the reviewers at the conclusion of the review.*

### Summary of meeting comments and XAB suggestions

#### Review Panel Comments

The review panel noted as a “weakness” that there were “too many” KPIs, which echoes a conversation point from the XAB face-to-face meeting in April – the the KPIs become confusing and difficult to track over various funding/calendar boundaries. There is strong commitment to focus on internal review over the next six months to address this.

The review panel also provided constructive comments on:

- Security Policies and Processes
- Operations
- Campus Champions (CC) program

The review panel reportedly had indicated several recommendations to NSF, but these were apparently not included as an appendix to the review as anticipated.

#### XAB Discussion

- The Board noted that to have the XSEDE Operation component go through review with the finding to “keep doing what you are doing” is worth applause all on its own.
- Though the NSF Review Panel was perhaps not able to document recommendations to the NSF, the XAB may be in a position to make similar recommendations to ensure they are not lost in the process.
- The XAB focussed the bulk of the discussion time during this meeting on the CC program, with the XAB learning more about the CC program in general, the intent of the program, the relationship between XSEDE and CC, the overall level of effort split across

campuses, the funding and leadership structure that CC currently employs, and how the various groups might leverage their shared mission to attract a funding stream that is independent of XSEDE, though closely connected to it.

### Program Officer Change

NSF has identified a new Program Officer for XSEDE, and that information was shared with John Towns. The information is internally held until NSF announces the replacement more officically.