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When: Thursday, August 28
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm
Where: Russell House Theater
Who: Dr. Larry Weber and Dr. Vicki Booker from the National Science Foundation
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National Science Foundation Presentation to USC Faculty

The University of South Carolina Research Foundation is proud to announce representatives from the National Science Foundation (NSF) will be visiting the Columbia campus on Thursday, August 28, 2003. In addition to their visit, Dr. Larry Weber and Dr. Vicki Booker of the NSF will give a presentation to the University faculty and staff Thursday, August 28, 2003 from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Russell House Theater.

Dr. Larry Weber, Senior Program Manger
East Asia and Pacific Programs, Office of International Science and Engineering
National Science Foundation

Dr. Weber administers grant programs, coordinates across NSF's various disciplinary divisions regarding activities with foreign countries, and serves as liaison with foreign counterpart organizations. In 1999-2000, Dr. Weber was a fellow in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where he worked on a range of issues related to global change, carbon sequestration, polar research, ocean science, and environmental education. Dr. Weber served as Director of the NSF Tokyo Office in the American Embassy in Japan from 1991-1996. Before joining NSF in 1987, Dr. Weber was a research oceanographer at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Weber will give brief overview of the National Science Foundation's organization, budget, and priorities. In addition, Dr. Weber will discuss how NSF supports international collaborations.

Dr. Vicki Booker, Program Director
Directorate for Engineering, Division of Engineering Education and Centers
National Science Foundation

Dr. Vicki Booker will discuss the current thrusts of engineering in the context of NSF's strategic plan and in the context of current engineering leadership. In addition, Dr. Booker will refer to engineering education efforts like the REU Site program. There are a number of interdisciplinary efforts she will discuss that should be of interest to other schools and programs on campus.

NSF Engineering Information Important to Many Other Areas of USC and South Carolina

At first glance, the discussion on Engineering and the National Science Foundation may seem to serve those only in the engineering field, however, Dr. Larry Weber and Dr. Vicki Booker will address several interdisciplinary efforts that may impact, interest, or cover many different areas at the University of South Carolina and across the state.

If you plan to attend please contact Sarah Moore at 777-4181 or slmoore@enr.sc.edu

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