2014 Physics Department Chairs Conference
Holiday Inn-College Park

Friday, June 6th

2:30 – 4:15 PM Special Workshop for New Chairs
   Hallsie Reno, University of Iowa
   Ron Henderson, Middle Tennessee State University

4:15 – 4:45 PM Informal reception

4:45 PM Welcome and Introductions
   Beth Cunningham, Executive Officer, American Association of Physics Teachers
   Kate Kirby, Executive Officer, American Physical Society
   Fred Dylla, American Institute of Physics
   Moderator: Bob Hilborn, American Association of Physics Teachers

5:00 – 6:00 PM Roundtable Discussion with NSF Program Officers
   Paul Sokol, Program Director, Division of Materials Research
   Kathleen McCloud, Program Director, Division of Physics
   Claudia Rankins, Program Director, Education and Human Resources
   Moderator: Monica Plisch, American Physical Society

6:00 - 7:30 PM Dinner and opening talk
   "MOOCs, Online Education, and Your Department"
   David Pritchard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
   Moderator: Mary Hall Reno, University of Iowa

Saturday, June 7th

7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast at the hotel

9:00 – 10:00 AM Presentation and Panel Session:
   “Assessment for Course and Program Improvement”
   Charles Henderson, Western Michigan University

   Panelists to be selected from participants.
   Moderator: Ron Henderson, Middle Tennessee State University

10:00-10:15 AM Break

10:15-11:00AM Town Hall Discussion with Laurie McNeil, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and co-chair of the AAPT/APS Joint Task Force on Undergraduate Physics Programs
   Moderator: Bob Hilborn, AAPT

11:00 -11:45 AM Plenary:
“Majors’ tracks for innovation and entrepreneurship”
Duncan Carlsmith, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Moderator: Bob Joynt, University of Wisconsin-Madison

11:45 – 12:45 PM  **Group photo and lunch**

12:45 – 1:30 PM  **Plenary**
“Research-based assessment resources to improve teaching in your classroom and department”
Sarah (“Sam”) McKagan, AAPT and Seattle Pacific University
Moderator: Karen Magee-Sauer, Rowan University

1:30 – 2:15 PM  **Small Group Sessions I**– topics to be determined by pre-conference survey
A. Assessing teaching in your department with the research-based Assessment Data Explorer, Sarah (“Sam”) McKagan and Elleanor Sayre, Kansas State University
B. TBD
C. TBD

2:15 – 3:00 PM  **Plenary**:
“The landscape of graduate admissions: Surveying physics programs about doctoral admissions practices”
Geoff Potvin, Florida International University
Moderator: Anderson Sunda-Meya, Xavier University (New Orleans)

3:00 - 3:30 PM  **Break**

3:30 –4:15 PM  **Small Group Sessions II**
A. Primarily Undergraduate Institutions
B. Master’s Degree Institutions
C. PhD granting institutions

4:15 - 5:00 PM  **Plenary**
“Increasing participation of underrepresented minorities in graduate education: Building effective ‘bridge’ programs”
Ted Hodapp, American Physical Society
Moderator: Bob Joynt, University of Wisconsin-Madison

5:00-5:15 PM  Feedback on Upcoming Physics Department Chairs’ Survey
Ted Hodapp, American Physical Society

5:15 – 6:00  **Free Time**

6:00 – 6:30 PM  **Reception**

6:30 PM  **Dinner at the hotel**

**Sunday, June 8**

7:30 – 8:30 AM  **Breakfast at the hotel**

9:00 – 9:45 AM  **Physics policy session**
“Federal research and education policy outlook”
Tyler Glembo, American Physical Society, Washington Office
Moderator: Monica Plisch, American Physical Society

9:45 - 10:15 AM  **Break** and hotel checkout

10:15 – 10:45 AM **Plenary**
“Putting students to work: Physics-based career opportunities education resources”
Roman Czujko, Kendra Redmond, and Toni Saunde, American Institute of Physics
Moderator: Karen Magee-Sauer, Rowan University

10:45 – 11:15 AM **Open session** to discuss conference outcomes, conclusions and recommendations
Moderator: Mary Hall Reno, University of Iowa

11:15 AM  **Final Words, Post-Conference Survey Information, Adjourn**
Moderator: Bob Hilborn, AAPT