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Hi Bob,

Same here, only read the CASCA response. It reads very well; thank to you and Rob for this. I think that excellent points were made by others and I just want to emphasize one point hinted to by Christine regarding Question 1. I believe (but I could be wrong) that the lower success rate of NSERC applicants combined with the decrease of the global amount makes it even worse than we make it sound. Not only has the average grant decreased, but a smaller proportion of researchers that apply are successful in getting a grant than in the past.

Nicole

> Le 2016-09-13 à 10:35, Christine Wilson <wilson@physics.mcmaster.ca> a écrit :

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> Hi, Bob,

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> I have only read the CASCA response. I think it looks good, but I have a few general comments. I agree with the other comments that have been sent around so far.

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> Question 1

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> We should make it crystal clear that we like the Discovery Grant program (5 year grants, relatively high success rate, program not project based) and the main thing that needs fixing is it does not have enough funding.

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> on Page 3, the comment about DG applications being judged the volume of HQP and not distinguishing between levels of training is pretty specific, and goes against what NSERC says is done. I'm uncomfortable saying something this specific unless we are 100% sure.

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> Question 6

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> At the start when we list past observatories, ALMA should be in that list.

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> Also, this section should discuss the catch-22 situation we find ourselves in regarding the SKA. I assume you are getting some information from Bryan and others on this

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> Question 8

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> If you don't get something from the Diversity Committee in time, there is some discussion about women in the LRP that could be quoted.

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> Cheers,

> Chris

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