

## **Agenda for a workshop on increasing the diversity of underrepresented groups in the Geosciences**

**Sponsored by the AfricaArray program at North Carolina Agriculture and Technical University (NCAT), Greensboro, NC**

**Date: February 15, 2008**

**Venue: Craig Hall, Room B132, NCAT University**

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:40 Welcoming remarks - Dean Plater and Dean Easterling

8:40-9:00 AfricaArray overview - A. Nyblade

9:00-9:20 Review of College of Arts and Sciences, NCAT, Dean Plater

9:20-9:40 Review of Physics Program and Geophysics curriculum, NCAT, - A. Amidouch, G. Tang

9:40-10:00 Review of other related programs at NCAT: The bigger picture - S. Bililign

10:00 - 10:20 Break

10:20-10:40 AfricaArray student presentations - S. Rouse and C. Gross

10:40-11:00 Review of Penn State programs and interests - Dean Easterling and C. Lyons

11:00-11:20 Review of Ft. Valley St. program - T. Bralower, I. Crumbly

11:20-12:00 Review of interests/needs of potential funding partners (NSF, industry, other universities) - representatives from these organizations

12:00-12:20 Presentation of models for expanding the program - A. Nyblade, S. Bililign, C. Lyons. Some possibilities:

a) building an alliance of minority-serving institutions

b) 3-2 programs

c) including other areas of the geosciences

d) additional field programs in Africa

12:20-1:30 pm Lunch

1:30-3:00 General discussion about how to expand the program, including partnerships, collaborations, funding needs, and funding models

3:00-3:30 Tour of Physics Department - A. Amidouch, S. Bililign

3:30-3:50 Break

3:50 - 5:00 Focused discussion on charting a path forward

6:00 pm Reception hosted by Dean Plater, Paul Robeson Theater