I. Welcome

   Yishu gave a very good presentation on the progress that he and his collaborator, Rui Bo, have made so far. Thank you, Yishu!

III. CSTS Spring Symposium: Jeff Schramm will still accept submissions for presentations and posters. Please submit to schrammj@mst.edu as soon as possible.

IV. Seed Grants: The VCR wants seed funds to be distributed on the fiscal year, and not on the calendar year. Current grants are okay – but please ensure that all expenditures are made by the end of 2019. CSTS will launch the next cycle of seed grants now, for disbursement on July 1, 2019 (the beginning of FY20). Please see the back of this agenda for details. See attachment. This RFP will also be posted on the CSTS website.

V. CSTS budget for FY20: Our budget has been reduced for FY20 from $50K to $36K. This reduction will affect (1) the quantity of seed funding we can distribute, and (2) the amount/kind of programming we can provide. The $14K reduction is a best-case scenario, and the reduction could be larger depending on the VCR’s available funds. S&T is adopting a new funding model that will closely align center budgets with F&A collected from grants awarded to center members.

   During the meeting I shared a draft document that Costas sent to all center directors late last week (digital version is attached to this email). This document outlines some proposed rules and regulations for S&T research centers; nothing in this draft has been agreed to at this point. Costas is seeking feedback and will meet with center directors in mid-April to discuss. Some items in the document will, I think, work to the disadvantage of a center like CSTS. I will advocate for a set of rules that is more flexible and accommodates the interdisciplinary research reflected in the CSTS (research that is not exclusively or even primarily engineering based) as well as our status as a young, still-evolving center. I would appreciate receiving any feedback you have on this document by April 15. You can just send me an email or you can open the document and annotate from within—whatever works best for you.

VI. Upcoming Dates and Deadlines: Mark Your Calendars
   Please attend as many of these events as your schedule allows!
   - Missouri Science Policy Workshop, Tues. April 9th, 3:00 – 4:30, 254 Toomey Hall
   - CSTS Spring Symposium: Maintenance, Wed., April 24, St. Pat’s B.
- **Missouri Humanities Council: Trail of Tears**, Tues. April 30, 3:00 – 4:00pm, Missouri-Ozarks Room
- **Simon Bronner will host a faculty development workshop on creating a digital presence on Wednesday, April 10th, at noon in H/SS 101. Please RSVP to Linda Bramel at lindab@rmst.edu. Lunch is provided.**

**VII. Next CSTS Meeting – Tuesday, April 16, 3:00 – 3:50, 204 Library**
- Tentative agenda item: discuss CSTS’s draft Strategic Plan