

MEETING OF THE NHERI USER FORUM COMMITTEE
October 17, 2018

AGENDA

Attendance: Russell, Liesel, Nina, Jim, Adda, Julio (NCO), David (NCO)
Regrets: Antonio, Ramtin, Erik, Elaina, Stephanie

1. Approval of meeting minutes from September 16, 2018 meeting

Minor edits were made to the minutes and the edited minutes were approved.

2. Report from User Satisfaction Survey committee

The NCO is currently preparing responses from the NSF reverse site visit, to include responses about the User Satisfaction Survey. The response rate to many of the survey questions were so limited, the responses are difficult to interpret. However, actions can be taken based on the responses to Q9, 15, 17, 27, 28, 33; also efforts to try to increase survey participation is an action item. There was discussion about the UF survey and the post-experiment facility surveys; are their too many surveys; should their only be the UF survey, with input on survey make-up from the facilities?

Julio shared the User Satisfaction Survey report with the Council and Liesel will participate in the next council meeting (7 Nov.) to discuss replies to the NSF comments. Liesel is taking the lead on preparing the presentation of the survey results to the Council; sensitivity is needed to ensure that anonymity of the respondents is not jeopardized. Others on the UF will provide input to Liesel on her presentation to the Council.

3. Report from NCO representatives

- a. Response to feedback from reverse Site Visit with NSF

UF was cc'd on the response to NSF; haven't heard back from Joy yet.

4. Report from ECO representatives

- a. Summer Institute schedule June 5-7, 2019 at UTSA

10/12/18 meeting – collected responses to survey from the REU sites. Some themes from

the responses: need more participation from non-research centric colleges; some issues exist with travel stipend for certain sites; improvement is needed in the student-mentor relationships at some sites; there needs to be better communication between some sites and the REU students.

5. Report from Facilities Scheduling representatives

NA

6. Report from Technology Transfer representatives

Jim reported that the committee is reviewing awarded projects to assess their potential significance/impact on practice.

7. New member nomination

- a. Tracy Kijewski-Correa (Notre Dame:
<https://engineering.nd.edu/profiles/tcorrea>)
- b. Mohammad Pour-Ghaz (NCSU:
<https://www.ccee.ncsu.edu/people/mpourgh>)
- c. Max Stephens (Pitt: <https://www.engineering.pitt.edu/MaxStephens/>)
- d. Keri Ryan (U. Nevada Reno: <https://www.unr.edu/cee/people/ryan>)
- e. Mohammad Khrosravi (Montana State Univ:
<https://www.coursicle.com/montana/professors/Mohammad+Khosravi/>)
- f. others

Four people have been identified to run for the two open seats on the UF (seats being vacated by Erik and Russell). The four identified candidates are Geotech: Navid Jafari (LSU) and Mohammad Khrosravi (Montana State Univ.); Structures/Materials: Max Stephens (Pitt) and Mohammad Pour-Ghaz (NCSU). Russell will work with Antonio and the candidates to set up the elections. Once the new members are determined, the UF will discuss internally the rotation of the officers.

8. Other items to discuss

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