

MEETING OF THE NHERI USER FORUM COMMITTEE

March 22, 2024

MINUTES

1. Approval of meeting minutes from Feb 12, 2024 (postpone to next meeting).
2. Report from Graduate Students Council
The presentation Esteban gave to the NCO was very well received.
3. Report from User Satisfaction Survey committee
There is an interest in looking across the years of data from the user satisfaction survey (the first survey was in 2019). Maggie identified the items that have remained consistent across the years and will use those items to prepare a report (ready by the end of the summer) on how user satisfaction changed over time.
There seems to be some interesting data during covid.
Mohammad- Can it be a publication?
Maggie- The sample size is pretty small, but if there is interest from the UF we can look into it and discuss after the summer.
Esteban will work with Maggie to incorporate the graduate students' feedback in the survey.
Maggie's contract paperwork is in progress.
4. Report from NCO representatives
The last NCO meeting was canceled. No updates.
5. Report from ECO representatives
ECO talked about review of REU applications and the events at the Summer Institute.
6. Report from Facilities Scheduling representatives
No updates.
7. Report from Technology Transfer representatives
The committee will meet after getting some updates from DesignSafe and the search engine.
8. Report from Communication and Outreach Subcommittee
The committee is tracking all the social media. No new updates.

9. Other discussions

October 2025 is the end of NHERI. In May there is NHERI Summit in Maryland. One of the items is evaluation of NHERI and potentially make a proposal for the future. We may know more about the future of NHERI after the Summit. At this point there are no news from and no updates from NSF.

We have some new members joining soon. Claudia left because of the conflict and Mohammad is planning to step down. We should have a plan to add the new members. If NHERI will end soon, it may not be the best to end new members.