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Minutes of the Oct 7th 2000 Meeting of the Fermilab Users Executive Committee

Attendees:
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Rick St. Denis(stdenis@fnal.gov),
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Herman White(hwhite@fnal.gov),
Philip Yager(yager@fnal.gov).

Absent:
Benn Tannenbaum and Dan Amidei

GSA Attendee (1999-2000 GSA):
Nancy Lai

The Chairman of the 2000-2001 UEC, Larry Nodulman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The main topics of the meeting were appointment of secretaries and a web master, report from the chair on his report to BOO (Fermilab Board of Overseers) discussion among all of the UEC subcommittee structure and subcommittee membership during the 2000-2001 year, final approval of a Letter to the Users concerning Insurance for Postdocs and Students.

1. Secretary (rotating) and web master

Rick St. Denis volunteered to be secretary rotating with Gordon Watts. Rick will be not take minutes when on video in the winter months. A GSA representative will also join the rotation.

Jim Musser volunteered to be web master.

2. BOO Report

Larry showed his BOO presentation (http://gate.hep.anl.gov/ljn/BOO.ps). He emphasized the following points:

- o Washington visit
  - We worked with SLAC
  - Graduate students being present was a very good element
- o User's meeting
  - not well attended
  - the town meeting has too much of an in-house point of view and things were better outside the lab, like the town meeting in Ohio. Snowmass will also be a good place for this.
- o Outreach

    - BOO showed interest in this
  - Graduate Student Health Insurance
    - The uninsured and underinsured are a "substantial minority" of students.
    - Addressed by monitoring during annual renewal of badges where advisors must certify that the students have insurance coverage.
  - A desk and a chair
    - Larry thanked the UEC and lab for money for buildings at CDF and D0.
    - Date: June 1 or later, in planning stage but no physical activity yet
  - Prospects
    - new committees (See below also)
    - continue outreach
    - coordinate lobbying with SLAC and DPF
    - User issues: workplace, housing, etc.
    - coordinate user's meeting with snomass

3. Discussion of committee structure, additions, subtractions

There was some informal discussion concerning the various committees and their work in order to orient the new members and describe to them the atmosphere in these committees.

The discussion turned to which committees to keep and what new ones to add. The result was:

Outreach
Washington
Users Meeting
Quality of life/users issues
Younger Physicists issues (Inreach)

The Younger Physicists committee will deal with the issue of how to train future physicists in an era with machines having long time scales like the LHC.

An immediate request to the Outreach committee was to look into the access to FNAL. The gates are intimidating and this sends the wrong message. The down side of being too inviting is that the Fermilab roads will be filled with commuter traffic.

Jim Musser brought up the issue of needing to arrange access for the universities to visit FNAL: he was thinking of 75 students visiting from Minnesota. This had been set up but he was not sure how to do this for any university.

Jim also brought up a discussion of the issue of getting photographs of experiments from the web. The site at Fermilab was down and he went to the media office to find photographs. He had to scan them and supply a Fermilab budget code. He found this cumbersum and thought that the CERN access to their photos was better. Peter Garbincius agreed that the access was not easy.

Members volunteered for various committe memberships and the results are:

Outreach

Vaia Papadimitriou (chair)
Gordon Watts
Herman White
Rick St. Denis
Sally Koutsoliotas
Peter Garbincius

Washington

Herman White (chair)
Jim Musser
Philip Yager
Roger Rusack
Robin Erbacher
Gordon Watts
Benn Tannenbaum

UEC Meeting

Peter Garbincius (chair)
Vaia Papadimitriou
Philip Yager
Sally Koutsoliotas

Young Physicists

Rick St. Denis (chair)
Vaia Papadimitriou
Robin Erbacher
Roger Rusack

Quality of Life

Philip Yager (chair)
Jim Musser
Vaia Papadimitriou
Benn Tannenbaum

Secretaries

Rick St. Denis
Gordon Watts
GSA person

Web

Jim Musser

The chair is ex-officio on all committees.

4. GSA
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Nancy Lai was welcomed as a new GSA representative.

5. Follow up from preceeding meetings
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Benn and Robin should get the email list in order -- Yolanda Valdez may be able to provide a useful list.

6. Letter to Users concerning Insurance for Postdocs and Students

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Comments on the letter were limited to grammar and punctionation. It was agreed that it would be sent to the user's mailing list with comments requested by November 11.

7. Reports

a. Batavia Library: none, still in progress
b. GSA: not yet ready
c. Evening at users center was discussed to allow interaction of UEC with users
d. Larry reported on his and Dan's discussion with Mike Witherall. Larry reported that the empahsis we should follow when pushing funding is to push the physical sciences in general. Also, we should link up with the future planning of HEP. Larry complained about the trailers and brought up the issue of a "lack of culture", describing that people in the trailers are isolated from the physics seminars and general interaction.

   In reaction to Larry's point on culture, it was thought that the users should all be added to the NalCal list with instructions on how to remove themselves.

8. Follow up

Gordon and Roger will talk to the visual media services.

The Quality of Life committee will follow up on the criteria for housing in reaction to a letter from Harry Weerts.

9. Next Meetings

The next UEC Meeting is on November 18, 2000 with Mike Witherall and Chris Quigg invited. The next after that is December 9, 2000

Submitted by,

Rick St. Denis-- UEC Secretary