

Minutes of UEC Meeting
May 22, 2012

Called to order at 12:45 P.M. in Berkner Room B.

Attendance: Dan Fischer, Jen Bohon, Jean Jordan-Sweet, John Smedley, Dario Arena, Bruce Ravel, and Peter Stephens. Ex-officio: Kathy Nasta.

1) Vice Chair vote:

- a) Bruce Ravel nominated by Jen Bohon, John Smedley seconded. Peter Stephens nominated by John Smedley, Dan Fischer seconded. After discussion among remaining members (with nominees out of the room), Bruce Ravel was elected.
- b) Dan Fischer is now Past-Chair, a voting position.

2) Student-Post-doc representation:

- a) Alvin Acerbo was asked to poll the community for a recommendation.
- b) Jen Bohon made a motion to have a student/post-doc representative appointed as an ex-officio member. Seconded by Jean Jordan-Sweet. Motion passed unanimously.

3) NSLS GU Proposal policy discussion:

- a) John Smedley was surprised to find that last week the policy was changed to discontinue multi-technique General User Proposals. He has two concerns: 1) he's a heavy user of this mode, 2) he feels it was not right to make this change without UEC input or discussion. He proposed forming a task force to provide feedback.
- b) Kathy Nasta accepted some responsibility for this. It was brought up by the Proposal Oversight Panel a year ago. She assumed that since the recommendation to discontinue it was from the POP, it was OK with everyone. It should have been brought up at the February UEC meeting. It was also brought up three years ago at a UEC meeting. Three members present today were there and recollected that the feeling was that this type of proposal leads to "disasters" due to inappropriate reviews, and that they're complicated to resolve. However, they're common at the CFN, where there are boxes to check for multiple techniques and the order in which they are to be used. (but this is necessary because things are "made" at the CFN).
- c) Kathy suggested that John come to the next PASS Advisory Committee meeting.
- d) Jen will meet with Qun Shen to discuss UEC involvement in policy decisions.

4) Other:

- a) Jen asked for topics for meetings with Steve Dierker and Qun Shen. A suggestion was made to get the Access Policy, Partner User Policy and MOU Processes going.

5) Next meeting:

- a) In August before the SAC meeting, which is August 16. Jen will send out a Doodle Poll.

Meeting Adjourned 1:20 P.M.

Submitted by J. Jordan-Sweet, Aug 20, 2012.