

Report from the Chair

Fermilab Users Executive Committee Meeting

February 11, 2011

Agenda

- 12:00-12:10 Lunch
- 12:10-12:30 Report from the Chair and Meet Katie Yurkewicz
- 12:30-1:00 Dan Kaplan, A Proposal for an Antiproton Program
- 1:00-1:15 News from the Directorate – Young-Kee Kimm
- 1:15-1:45 Bridget Glynn, Lewis-Burke Associates
- 1:45-3:30 Subcommittee/GSA Reports

We will adjust the schedule as necessary to accommodate our guests

Proposed Future Meeting Dates

- March meeting:
 - move the meeting from Mar. 4
 - move it to Mar. 11
 - have training session for DC trip on Mar. 12 (morning to early afternoon)
 - need to finalize with other groups (SLUO, USLUO)
- April meeting still on April 8
- May meeting:
 - May 13 (is this OK?)

NUFO Event for Congress

- National Users Facility Organization (NUFO)
- Several members of Congress asked NUFO to host an event for Congress to highlight the User Fac.
 - Biggert, Ehlers, Foster, Holt signed it
- Date is still not set, but possibly April
- Reception with professional posters
 - highlight user facilities in general and each facility has its own poster
- Fermilab has been requested to:
 - provide \$5k in monetary support – sent or in preparation
 - provide location of user institutions for a poster of districts where users reside - sent
 - provide material for a poster – Communications Office is working on it
 - a user to represent Fermilab for the reception - ???
- Fermilab will be a part of this event

Other News

- Sent list of PAC nominees to Jeff Appel
- Tim Linden is now serving as user representative on the Fermilab Traffic Safety Committee
 - users can convey concerns about traffic safety through him

Meetings and Travel

- Please make sure to respond to Barb about attending the monthly meetings
 - even if you are not attending
- For those travelling to Fermilab for meetings, please
 - try to get approval as early as possible
 - book your flight as early as possible (cheapest)
 - submit your voucher and receipts shortly after the meeting
 - Fermilab will generally support flight costs and hotel+car rental for two days
- For those travelling to DC, please
 - follow the authorization instructions closely (when provided)
 - book your hotel as soon as you can (when information is provided, still working on hotel)
 - note that different travel codes are used for DC trip

OTHER BUSINESS

DC Trip Groups

- Fermilab UEC/GSA, SLAC Users Org, US LHC Users Org
- DPF Executive Committee
 - some EC members will likely join us
- APS Unit Convocation
 - representatives of APS Units will be visiting Congress on Apr. 14 as part of their annual meeting
 - talked to APS DC Office, they think there is no problems with both groups being there
 - will coordinate our efforts
- Additional attendees
 - been contacted by a few other people who would like to join our trip and we may try to find some local people (Maryland, Virginia, Philly) who can come
- Probably a larger group this year

2011 Budget Proposal

- House is suggesting an 18% cut to DOE Office of Science
- I talked to Carole McGuire and April Burke this morning (here for the FRA Board meeting)
- Suggestions:
 - possible letter writing campaign
 - visits to local Congressional offices during Congressional recess the week of Feb 21
 - April said that when they visit Congress they often hear that the Congressperson hasn't heard any comments from their constituents – Let's change that

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- Subscribe to Bob Park's What's New
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 - weekly news email on DC issues