

# User's Executive Committee

*Quality of Life*

*Report for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

- Purpose: “Improve the quality of life for users at Fermilab, so that they can be happy, productive physicists. Find ways to increase the interaction, visibility and further the careers of young physicists.”



# General News

- Chez Leon is booked solid tonight for Valentine's dinner with guest chef Joe Walding
  - Jack Hawkins feels that changing to Friday nights looks promising, and inviting a guest chef may have helped tonight's attendance
  - No changes to lunches yet based on last year's polls...
- Children's Center also hosting "Parent's Night Out" tonight, overlapping with Chez Leon dinner
  - Attendance stronger tonight than during previous Saturday "holiday shopping" session



# Fermilab Access Control Policy

- Significant changes were proposed to Fermilab policy for access control in December
  - Wording of changes would have significant impact on Daughters & Sons to Work Day and completely prohibit minors from WH ground floor email room
  - Open comment period ended in late December & produced a significant number of suggestions...
- Nancy Grossman helped rewrite policy, based on comments from users at the lab
  - Draft options/questions now being considered by directorate
  - A 2<sup>nd</sup> round of comments will take place for new draft



# Meeting with Bruce Chrisman (Jan 26<sup>th</sup>)

- Budget impact on QoL programs at the lab still unknown, but things will move fast once a budget exists
  - Directorate does not want to repeat something like the “surprise pool closure proposal,” and is interested in involving the UEC early as the plans are formed
  - We could begin asking questions about the lab’s plans by mid-March, though answers may not be available until start of April
  - Directorate plans on sharing details about proposed changes that may affect Users with the UEC at some point during the planning process in order to get our feedback
- Also briefly chatted about other issues, including taxi service on & off site
  - Short on time, but I would like to discuss on-site taxi hours more
- Bruce is happy to attend a future subcommittee meeting