

UEC vision statement

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Experience

- I have been a postdoc for four years now, working initially on NOvA and ANNIE with Iowa State University (based at Fermilab) and (as of November 2019) on NOvA and DUNE at Indiana University (based in Bloomington, IN).
- UEC 2019-2020 special 1 year term.
 - Co-deputy (with Reddy) of Users Meeting sub-committee.
 - Curating a balanced scientific program.
 - Securing speakers.
 - Handling lots of technical and logistical aspects associated with Zoom webinar and Mozilla Hubs.
 - UEC webmaster.
 - UEC secretary - organising/taking live notes in monthly meetings.
- Beyond UEC:
 - NOvA Data Quality convener, since July 2019.
 - NOvA Run Coordinator, July 2017 to June 2018.
 - Co-lead installation for ANNIE Phase II.

Context from this year

- 2020 has been quite a year! Huge societal changes have been a constantly changing landscape for us to navigate and has impacted many members of our community, particularly early-career members.
- A lot of these will continue to impact our community and the UEC this year so it will not be a “normal” year.
- Despite these challenges I think the UEC has had a very successful year!
 - Sapta has done a fantastic job steering us through these changeable times!
 - We had a very successful virtual DC trip continuing to advocate for our research.
 - We held the first virtual Users Meeting that brought the community together during these difficult times.
 - The QoL team have done a great job addressing concerns of the community!
 - EPO has adapted quickly to the challenges of virtual outreach.
- We’ve shown we can overcome challenges and will continue to do so!

A voice for the community

- The UEC plays a crucial role in acting as a voice for our community. I would like to see us continue to tread the fine line between keeping on the good-side of the directorate, since we are still a Fermilab institution, but still making sure we hold the directorate accountable and provide opportunities for the community to be heard.
- The primary ways we can do this are:
 - Through the valiant efforts of the Quality of Life subcommittee in addressing feedback!
 - Through continuing our in-depth discussions with the directorate during these meetings and checking-in between meetings as well and through QoL.
 - By keeping on top of circulating UEC meeting minutes to users to make sure we are being transparent and relaying information back to users.
 - By encouraging active participation from the directorate in the Users Meeting.

Engagement and inclusion

- The Users Meeting subcommittee both this year and in previous years have done a great job being inclusive to all Users and Fermilab employees.
 - The UM is an area where we have much control in addressing the needs of the community.
 - I would like to see us continuing to engage all members of the community, highlighting key issues facing the community and providing opportunities particularly for early-career members.
 - We can also continue to address diversity and sustainability in our UM theme.
- The Government Relations subcommittee does a great job in advocating for our community.
 - We should continue to particularly focus on programs that encourage promote diversity and inclusion, such as VetTech.
- Education and Public Outreach Engagement continues to play a key role in engagement and building a sustainable community for Fermilab.

Challenges facing UEC

- How do we engage people to want to serve on the UEC?
- We are already a bit behind this year so we will need to hit the ground running to plan the UM and virtual DC “trip”.
- Our community is going to continue to be impacted by current societal changes including feelings of pain, loss, anxiety and isolation. How do we continue to address these needs?



Screenshot from the
UM plenary talk.

Thank you for your consideration.

I'm looking forward to continuing to serve the Fermilab community with the help of the UEC.