



Welcome to the Fermilab Users Executive Committee

UEC Chair's report
Ashley Back
October 15th, 2021

What is Fermilab UEC?

- The **Users Executive Committee** is elected by and represents Fermilab's user community.
- Its purpose is to provide **a forum for discussion** of scientific and administrative matters relevant to the organization and functions of the Laboratory.
- We act as an advocate for Users and the wider Fermilab community.
- Submit feedback at any time through the [UEC feedback form](#)!
- See uec.fnal.gov for more details.



UEC 2020-2021. From top left: Ashley Back, Nadja Strobbe, Alexx Perloff, Aleena Rafique, Yuanyuan Zhang, Ketino Kaadze, Monica Nunes, Reddy Pratap Gandrajula, Sophie Middleton and Jonathan Asaadi, and FSPA officer Anna Hall. Not pictured: Manolis Kargiantoulakis and Isobel Ojalvo

Who are we?

★ Continuing members



Jonathan Asaadi



Ashley Back
UEC Chair 2020/21



Reddy Pratap Gandrajula
UM Chair, QoL, EPE



Ketino Kaadze
GovRel Chair



Manolis Kargiantoulakis
EPE Chair, UM



Sophie Middleton
UM Deputy



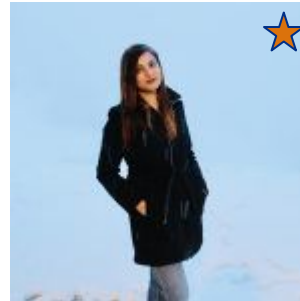
Monica Nunes
UM, EPE



Isobel Ojalvo



Alexx Perloff
EPE Deputy, UM, QoL
Secretary & Webmaster



Aleena Rafique
QoL Deputy



Nadja Strobbe
GovRel Deputy



Yuanyuan Zhang
QoL Chair

Welcome new members! 2021-2023 term.



[Catherine Ayuso](#)
Mississippi State
University



[Biswaranjan Behera](#)
Colorado State
University



[Richard Cavanaugh](#)
Fermi National
Accelerator Laboratory
& University of Illinois –
Chicago

[Sridhara Dasu](#) Univrsity
of Wisconsin-Madison



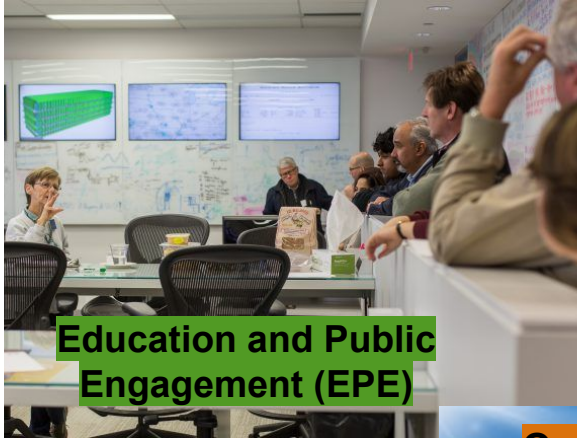
[Kristian Hahn](#)
Northwestern
University



[Adam Lyon](#) Fermi
National Accelerator
Laboratory



UEC subcommittees



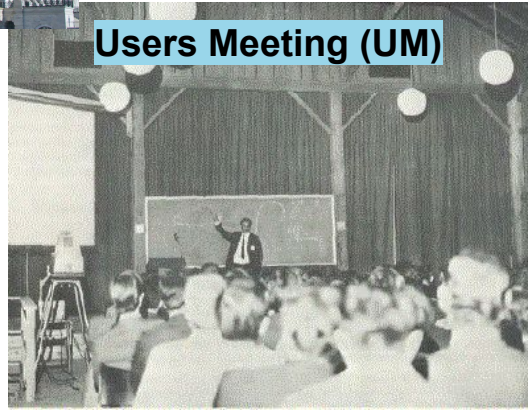
Supports and Fermilab's education and public engagement efforts; including mentoring and other Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion programs.



Organizes annual HEP advocacy efforts to connect with congressional offices.



Oversees the living and work environment for all of Fermilab's Users and responds to feedback submitted to UEC.

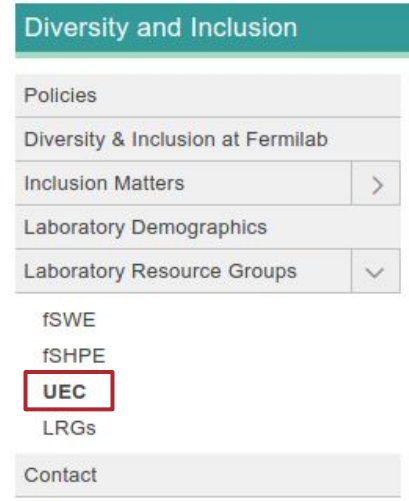


Organizes the Annual Users Meeting.

Highlights from EPE

One of the ongoing goals of our EPE subcommittee is to form a better connection with the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI).

- Connected our UEC site and resources alongside the LRG list, to increase awareness of our presence.
- In turn, we hope to leverage the resources we have to further the EDI mission and help LRGs.
- Receive the emails sent to LRGs → can then disseminate within our communities.
- Promote volunteering, mentoring and other opportunities through our new outreach-mentoring@fnal.gov mailing list.



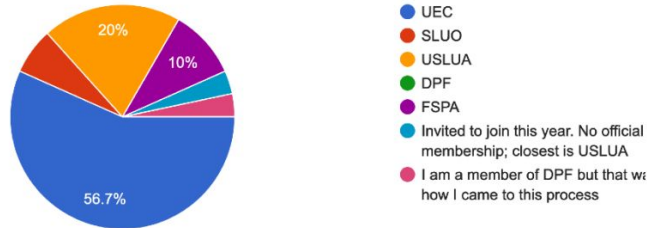
Highlights from GovRel

Like last year we had a virtual “trip”, meeting with congressional offices remotely (via zoom).

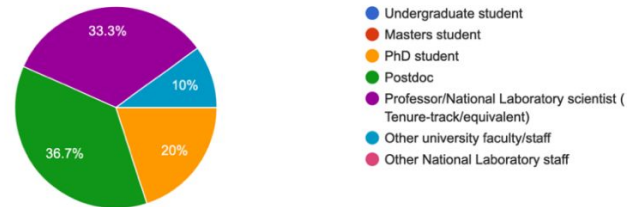
This year's HEP advocacy effort had **over 70 participants**, including delegates from US LUA, SLUO and APS DPF, who organize the effort alongside UEC.

- Scheduled/met with 298/537 offices (**55%**).
Met with 56% during 2020 virtual advocacy.

Organization
30 responses



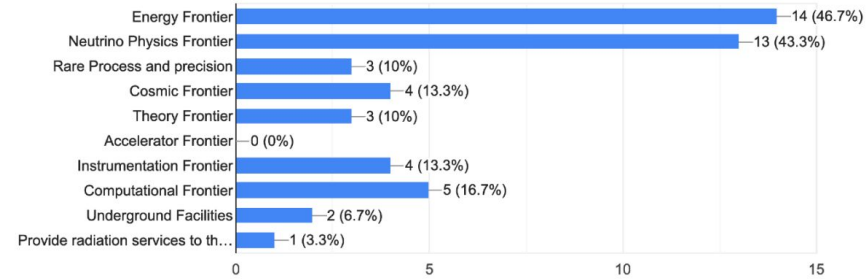
Please select your career level
30 responses



Currently chaired by Keti (outgoing) and Nadja.



Which research areas are you affiliated with? (Check all that apply; these are borrowed from the Snowmass 2021 categorization)
30 responses



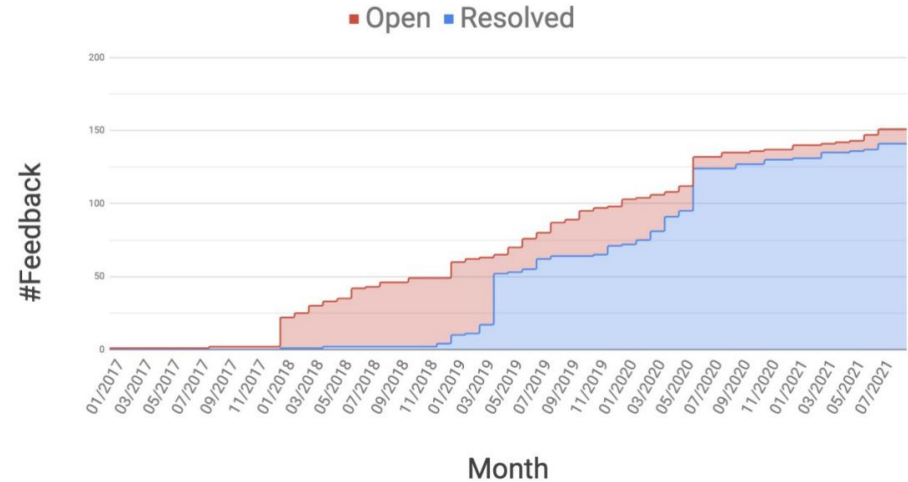
Highlights from QoL

The QoL Subcommittee continues to work diligently resolving feedback items submitted by the community.

- A lot of recent feedback has been focused on lab re-opening plans, badging/on-boarding and rent increases in the village.
- Organized and hosted a successful “Spotlight on the Community” panel at the Users Meeting!
- Works closely with Users Office/Global Services, Housing Office and HR.

Currently chaired by Yuanyuan (outgoing) and Aleena.

UEC Feedback



Summary of feedback submitted via uec-feedback@fnal.gov or through the [Feedback Form](#). The blue cumulative histogram shows feedback entries resolved by the QoL team.

Highlights from UM

Organized our second virtual Users Meeting!



54th Fermilab Users (Virtual) Meeting
New Horizons of Our Community
 August 2 - 6, 2021

Highlight leading-edge science, celebrate Fermilab's achievements and look to our future as a community

Dynamic keynote address • Exciting talks • Future of HEP by Snowmass panel
Fun virtual poster session • Conversations on equity, diversity and inclusion

ALL community members (including non-Users) are welcome!
 Please register as soon as possible at:

<https://indico.fnal.gov/e/UAM2021>

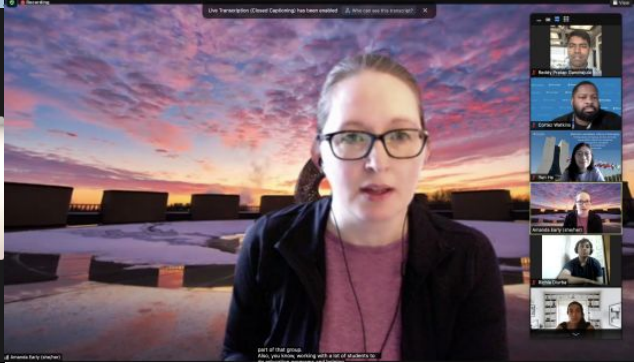
STEP UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH®

FIRST NEW PHYSICS HORIZON

In Carajás, I learned my *first physics concept* during a field trip to the mine in preschool: propagation of waves.

It takes several seconds for the sound of an explosion to travel across that open-pit — *my mind was blown!*

Marcelle Soares Santos • University of Michigan • @msoares_santos • 54th Fermilab Users Meeting • Aug 04, 2021



Today's agenda

8:00 AM	→ 8:30 AM	Breakfast	🕒 30m	📄
8:30 AM	→ 9:00 AM	Chair's Report ▪ vote on amended wording in UEC Chair Policy Speaker: Ashley Back	🕒 30m	📄
9:00 AM	→ 9:30 AM	Report from Directorate Speakers: Gregory Bock (Fermilab), Kevin Pitts (University of Illinois)	🕒 30m	📄
9:30 AM	→ 9:50 AM	Report from EPE Speakers: Alexx Perloff, Emmanouil Kargiantoulakis (Fermilab)	🕒 20m	📄
9:50 AM	→ 10:10 AM	Report from QoL Speakers: Aleena Rafique (Argonne National Laboratory), Dr Yuanyuan Zhang (Fermilab) 📄 211015 UEC - QoL.p...	🕒 20m	📄
10:10 AM	→ 10:20 AM	Break	🕒 10m	
10:20 AM	→ 10:40 AM	Report from the UM Speakers: Reddy pratap Gandrajula (University of Virginia), Dr Sophie Middleton (Caltech) 📄 UMUpdate_Sept21...	🕒 20m	📄
10:40 AM	→ 11:00 AM	Report from GovRel Speakers: Ketino Kaadze (Kansas State University), Nadja Strobbe (University of Minnesota)	🕒 20m	📄
11:00 AM	→ 11:30 AM	Report from Washington Lewis & Burke Associates Speakers: Hale Stolberg (Lewis-Burke Associates), Leland Cogliani (Lewis-Burke Associates)	🕒 30m	📄
11:30 AM	→ 11:45 AM	Report from FSPA Speaker: Ohana Rodrigues	🕒 15m	📄
11:45 AM	→ 12:05 PM	UEC Chair vote	🕒 20m	📄

- indico.fnal.gov/event/51429/
- Each subcommittee will give an introduction as well as a regular report.
- Regular reports from the **Directorate** and **Lewis-Burke**.
- UEC Chair vote!

Currently don't have any nominees willing to run for Chair - please think about running!

“Live notes” and minutes


Please follow along and contribute to the “live notes” (on Teams - see backup slides for how to access). These will then be edited and approved for the public minutes.

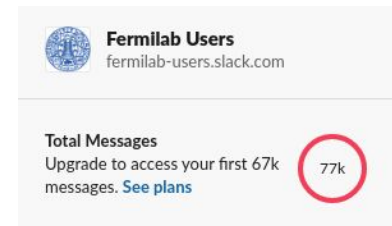
To enable us to produce better public minutes for our monthly meetings encourage all subcommittees to provide a summary slide at the end that contains contextual information for the minutes to accompany any discussion recorded in the live notes.

Thanks Alexx for managing the live notes and minutes.

Please help us to review and approve the public minutes! We’re pretty behind.

How we communicate!

- Email list uec-membersonly@fnal.gov (+fspa_officers@fnal.gov).
 - For any changes to the UEC mailing please contact Kim! **Requires Fermilab account.**
- UEC web-pages (uec.fnal.gov) → webmaster (currently Alexx) + subcommittees keep pages up-to-date!
- [Indico](#) - for agendas (subcommittee meetings and monthly meetings).
- Slack - [Fermilab Users workspace](#) 
 - Still a pretty integral tool for communication (inc. with users) but...
 - ...remember our message search history is limited.
 - Well over message limit for free account!
 - DC “trip” has its own separate slack workspace.
- Microsoft Teams → would be good to see more usage.
 - Meeting minutes/“live” notes (SC and monthly meetings).
 - Unlimited, fully searchable messages, documents and wiki pages → **preserve knowledge!**



The screenshot shows the profile for the 'Fermilab Users' Slack workspace. It includes the workspace name, the URL 'fermilab-users.slack.com', and a message count of 77k. A red circle highlights the message count, and a notification indicates that the workspace has reached its free message limit of 67k and offers an upgrade option.

Fermilab Users
fermilab-users.slack.com

Total Messages
Upgrade to access your first 67k messages. [See plans](#) **77k**

Meetings

- **UEC monthly meetings, from 8:30 am (CT) on the 3rd Friday of the month.**
 - All UEC members, FSPA officers, Lewis-Burke, Directorate contacts, Kim and Griselda.
- Subcommittees typically meet in the week leading up to UEC monthly meeting.
- **UEC EDI Monthly Meeting, nominally 4 pm (CT) on the 3rd Monday.**
 - Key participants: Sandra (and others) from EDI office; EPE SC and UM SC.
 - Next meeting: Monday October 18th.
- **Monthly UEC & Directorate meeting, nominally 8:30-9 am (CT) on the 4th Friday of the month (1 week after UEC monthly meeting).**
 - Key participants: UEC Chair + SC Chairs and main Directorate contacts.
 - Next meeting: Friday October 22nd.

Meeting etiquette

- Please use the “raise hand” feature on Zoom.
- Share the air.

We are one Fermilab

-  Everyone is worthy of respect
-  Encourage discussion
-  Genuinely listen
-  Collaborate
-  Respect the messenger
-  Have courage
-  Own your voice
-  Be kind
-  Fresh perspectives lead to innovation
-  Encourage others to speak
-  Own it, mistakes happen
-  Share the air

Vote on amendment to Policy 1: Procedure for UEC Chair Election

Use gender neutral language in [Policy 1](#) to make it more inclusive for those whose gender identity is outside of the gender binary.

Change:

1. The process will be overseen by the previous term's UEC Chair. If he/she is running, have process overseen by the previous term's secretary.

To:

1. The process will be overseen by the previous term's UEC Chair. If **they are** running, have process overseen by the previous term's secretary.

This change can be adopted by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of voting members (continuing + new) UEC members.

Thank you!



Jonathan Asaadi



Reddy Pratap Gandrajula
UM Chair, QoL, EPE



Ketino Kaadze
GovRel Chair



Manolis Kargiantoulakis
EPE Chair, UM



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Yuanyuan Zhang
QoL Chair

Also a big THANK YOU to:

FSPA Officers!

Kim Pearce and **Griselda Lopez** who keep UEC functioning!

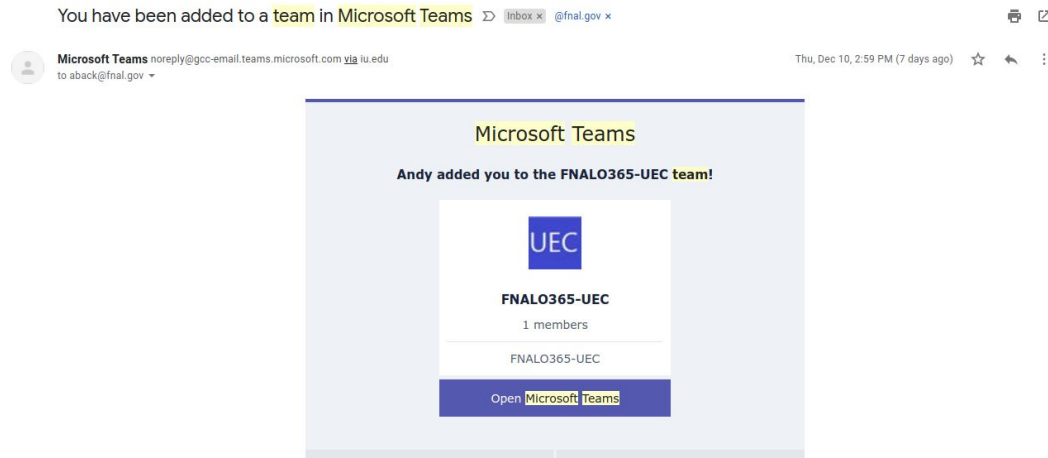
Summary for minutes

- Welcome new UEC members!
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- We are have four subcommittees, EPE, GovRel, QoL and UM.
- Each subcommittee will give an introduction as well as a regular report.
- Reminder of meeting times: Monthly Meetings on the 3rd Friday.
- Voted on amendment to Policy 1: Procedure for UEC Chair Election.

Extra slides...

Accessing Teams

- You should all receive an invite.
- Click on the link in the email and then login with your fermilab username in the form user@services.fnal.gov. This should take you to the usual SSO page where you can login with your services account.
- **Requires Fermilab Services account!**



UEC Virtual Meet & Greet

- First ever virtual Meet & Greet back in January.
- Attendance was a little lower than normal, but each subcommittee still received some useful feedback.
- The 2020-2022 UEC members were also announced in a [Fermilab News article](#).



Welcome to the UEC Meet and Greet!

You will automatically be entered into the **raffle** if you complete either of the following (before 4:30 pm CST):

- Ask a **question** to (or otherwise interact with) one of our UEC or FSPA members.
- Submit at least one response via any of the four **feedback form** links. The forms can all be submitted anonymously, but if you are comfortable providing your name and email in the form, we will add you to the draw.

UEC and FSPA members will add you to the draw and so the final decision on whether you have met the requirements rests with them. You can see the live **raffle wheel** at any time in the **Raffle breakout room** to make sure you have been entered once.

You can **interact with the UEC members** in the Breakout Rooms and/or through the Feedback Forms. The links for the **Feedback forms** can be found in the chat of each Breakout room or on the main page.

Visit each subcommittee or chat with colleagues in one of the Breakout Rooms:

This is an example! There are more room available today!

