Government Relations Report

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Washington news

- Had a meeting with Leland and Hale and representatives of the user communities to discuss the latest developments in Washington. See update from Hale for details. Meeting was recorded; if you would like to get access to the recording, we can send you a link (do not distribute this further)

- Some highlights:

  - FY23 appropriations Senate Bill passed, included language for US LHC that House Bill did not contain. Would be beneficial for final bill to include this language. We proposed to include a note on this in the community letter that will be sent to the committee (Hale is leading this letter)

  - Inflation Reduction Act
    - Includes $304M for HEP specifically and $133M for science lab infrastructure (across all labs)
    - Can provide some budget relief; DOE will likely spend this money over the coming 1-2 years (bill allows up to 10y)

  - CHIPS Act
    - Authorization bill for DOE/NSF, no money allocated
    - Strong support for all aspects of HEP program
    - Very good for our advocacy effort; codifies the plan for next 5 years and includes recommended funding levels with substantial growth
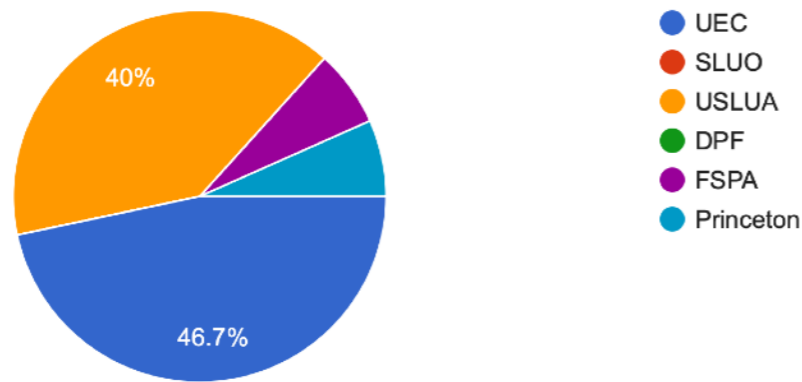
DC trip 2022 recap

- Fully virtual trip

- Nominally the week of March 21, some meetings extended into the next 2 weeks

- Participants: 61

- Packets delivered
  - Senate: 78%
  - House: 51%

- Very positive experience for meetings that were scheduled

- Some offices were harder to reach, and never responded
  - Assigned meeting coverage was 96% (81%) for Senate (House)
  - Only 22 offices were not contacted
  - 34 were listed as rejected (but often had packets delivered)
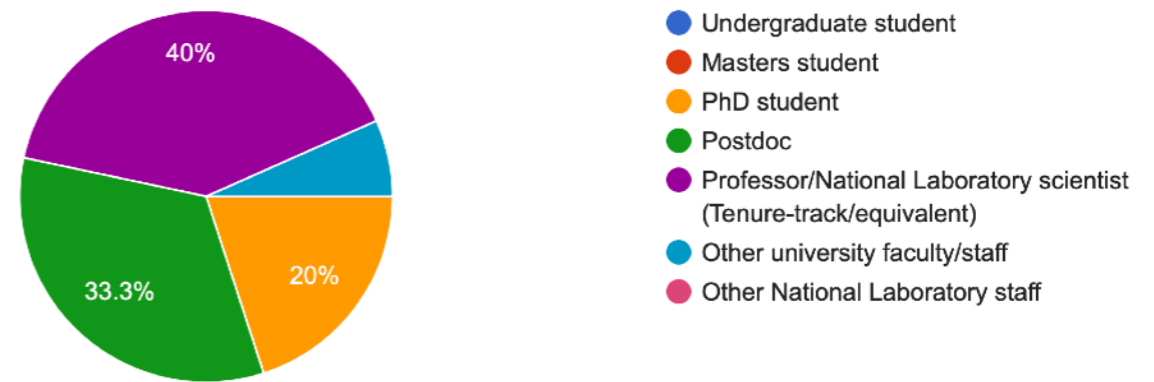
Survey summary

- Only 15 responses to the survey

Organization
15 responses

- UEC
- SLUO
- USLUA
- DPF
- FSPA
- Princeton

40%
46.7%

Please select your career level
15 responses

- Undergraduate student
- Masters student
- PhD student
- Postdoc
- Professor/National Laboratory scientist (Tenure-track/equivalent)
- Other university faculty/staff
- Other National Laboratory staff

40%
33.3%
20%

How many times have you participated in this annual advocacy effort?
15 responses

7 (46.7%) 5 (33.3%) 1 (6.7%) 1 (6.7%) 0 (0%) 0 (0%) 1 (6.7%) 0 (0
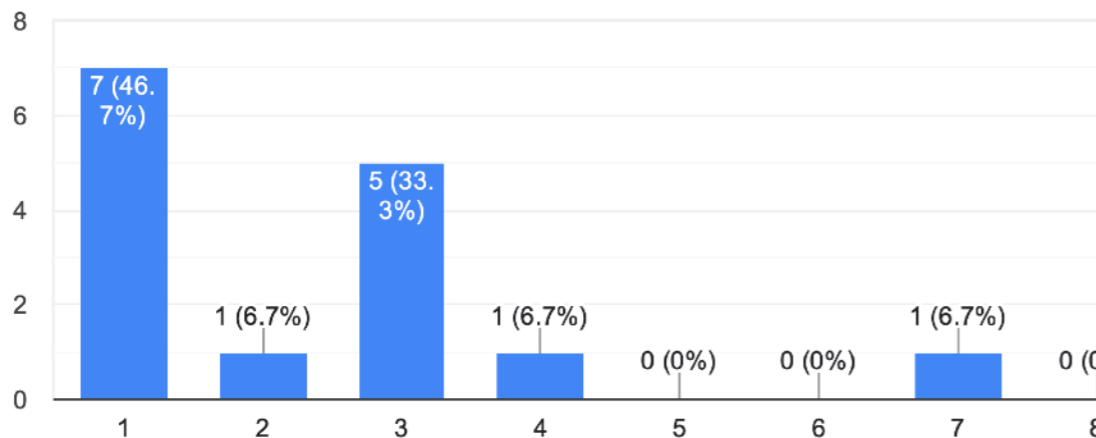
Are you interested in participating in next year's advocacy effort
15 responses

- I am strongly interested in participating next year
- I am interested in participating next year, schedule permitting
- I am not interested in participating next year
- I am unsure

20% 20%
60%

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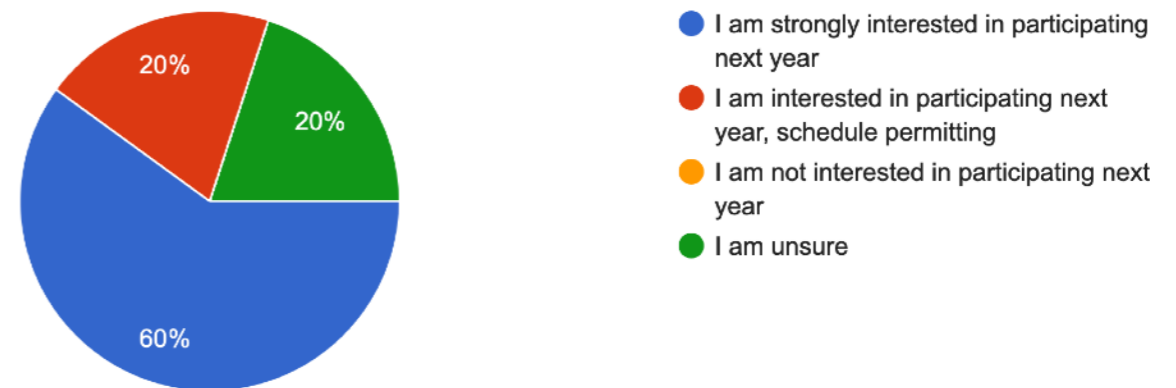
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- People seemed to have generally made use of the provided materials in the packet

- Free-form comments on missing materials:

  - "more specific **DEI** info"

  - "some sort of "**quick reference**" guides at the back (or maybe the wiki is a better place for this sort of thing). A particular example I had a couple of times was with the different internship programs."

  - "include students who participated in the **REU** and Semester programs at CERN, as well as classrooms who participated in **Masterclasses**. I have the data, but mapping to districts will take serious effort. Maybe we can get a student or two to work on that."

  - "put the information about **past budget requests/enacted amounts** directly into the packet."

  - "Some of the sections are very "wordy", which is difficult to present in a short Zoom meeting. Others may be out of date or lacking the most exciting efforts (e.g. AI). It could be useful to have **dedicated 1- or 2-pages for smaller but impactful experiments like g-2**, rather than having the info and pictures for those experiments split up and buried in other sections."

Survey summary

- Other comments
  - Wiki needs to be more clearly organized
  - Provide information on programmatic requests in a few formats (Full, 500 words, 500 characters)
  - Would be useful to have more information on how to follow up on your meetings
- Two people also mentioned that it would be helpful to discuss more during the trainings how to handle offices that people might not feel comfortable having meetings with

Please indicate areas in which the preparation/training provided to trip attendees can be improved
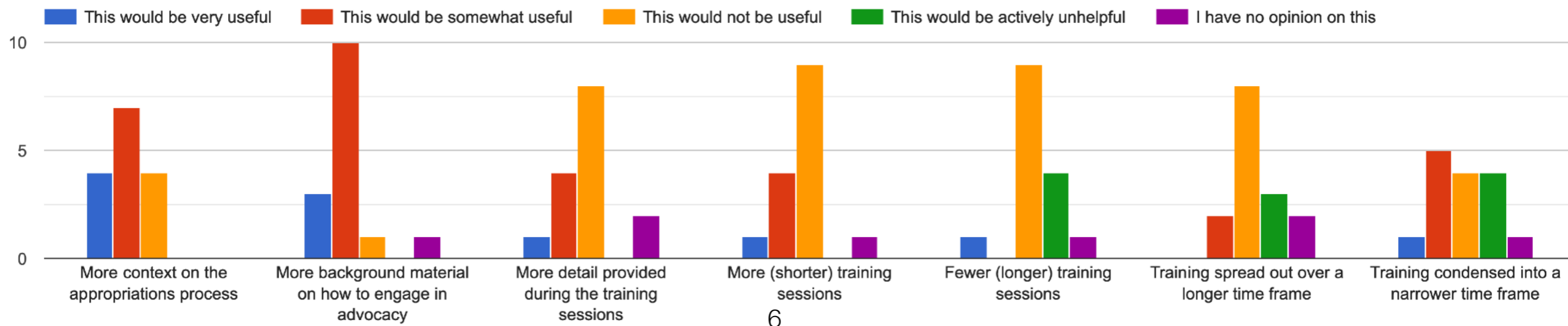
Other thoughts to prepare for the DC trip 2023?

- Broadening participation

  - People in our community that have no direct/close connection to FNAL or USLUA often don't know about the trip or how to join

  - Would be good to reach out more broadly to find good candidates

    - Should be done early on! Good target could be October, so that trip participant list can be created before the winter break

    - Perhaps a nomination call (with self-nominations encouraged) with a few sentences of why the person would be a good candidate/is interested; and then trip organizers can select a diverse set of participants across all dimensions

- Fully in-person vs hybrid model?

- Further updates to the materials?