



Funding, Politics, Programmatics

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Action items from Nov. 3

Here are the action items from last week's UEC meeting.

1. Housing Survey in progress (Peter Steinberg)
2. Send announcement to users for volunteers for NUFO working groups (Peter Steinberg)
3. Open Forum in January- (Susan White-DePace) will talk to the NSLS/CFN UEC to see if we will have a joint meeting
4. Annual Meeting Dates (Mei Bai/Kelly Guiffreda) looking at June 3 – 10, 2012 (have a conflict with Annual Jefferson Lab User Group workshop (June 4 -6, 2012)
5. Invite Ray Hernandaz and Andy Seelin to next UEC meeting (Kelly Guiffreda) possible upgrades to Starbuck Café Complete: (will attend our meeting)
6. LIRR- (Baldo Sahlmueller) will look into complaints about the shuttle service
7. New PPE policy in place- (Zhangbu Xu) what does NSLS do?
8. RHIC News (Susan White-DePace) Michael Tannenbaum visit with Pope (Susan called Michael Tannenbaum and he will draft something shortly)
9. Short article from NSRL/NASA- (Susan White-DePace) asked Amy Kronenberg (will provide us with a write-up in January)

Meeting with Doon

- ❖ Met with Doon on November 15
- ❖ Resolution of housing priority for users
 - ❖ There will be a cap to rooms for students, starting at 150
- ❖ BNL's cancellation policy
 - ❖ No change, as they claim it is already compatible with existing hotels
 - ❖ There will be an ombudsman mechanism to deal with exceptions (e.g. visas)
- ❖ Long term plans
 - ❖ BNL is officially trying to move away from the housing business
 - ❖ We have a meeting set up with AVR realty about a nearby development with possible housing for BNL visitors
- ❖ Housing Survey
 - ❖ No reply yet from BNL. We will distribute it ASAP after final release to Doon.

Guidance on RHIC Run 12

- ❖ BNL Management recently informed RHIC community about funding for upcoming RHIC Run 12
- ❖ Senate Energy & Water bill has \$3.8M cut to RHIC (relative to 2011), mainly to accomodate construction projects (FRIB, JLab)
- ❖ No appropriation bill yet, but this is the likely scenario to ONP
- ❖ Allows only 14 cryo weeks for run (compared to 22 expected)
- ❖ What should our response be as UEC?

Visit to DC?

- ❖ Paul Doucette (Batelle lobbyist) got back to me in mid-November about a DC visit
- ❖ Guidelines are whether we want to
 - ❖ advocate - if so, then February is better, after FY13 budget is released
 - ❖ educate - if so, then January is better (before)
- ❖ Focus on authorizing committees (House Science, Senate Energy & Natural resources)
- ❖ Focus on rank & file members who represent most RHIC users and who represent the chairs (NY & CT)

Inside RHIC brainstorming

- ❖ Recent articles
 - ❖ Gregg Marr (CAD) on Run 11
 - ❖ Michiko Minty on RHIC instrumentation
 - ❖ Takao Sakaguchi on his Rutherford talk
 - ❖ Blurb on Akiba winning Nishina Memorial Prize
 - ❖ Mike Tannenbaum on Pontifical visit (posted PDF?)
- ❖ Upcoming articles include:
 - ❖ **Steve Vigdor** - update on NP issues, funding, RHIC run
 - ❖ Rachid Nouicer on the PHENIX VTX detector
 - ❖ Helen Caines on STAR jets (email John back!)
 - ❖ Paul Sorensen on the correlations workshop (early Oct)

Questions for Ray & Andy

- ❖ What are your plans for the Berkner cafeteria?
 - ❖ New developments?
 - ❖ New types of food (e.g. more Asian food - a common request)!
- ❖ What are your plans for the BNL Cafe?
 - ❖ Is it profitable?
 - ❖ Changes to physical layout (e.g. more refrigeration)?

Future open meetings?

- ❖ Today: hoped to get Tom Schlegel to speak on cyber security but he is out of town.
- ❖ Future options
 - ❖ Sam Aronson/Doon Gibbs
 - ❖ Lanny Bates - Facilities & operations
 - ❖ Jeff Swenson - Staff services
 - ❖ Joint meeting with CFN & NSLS to discuss common issues
 - ❖ Tom Schlegel - IT security @ BNL
 - ❖ Randy Biegelman - Counterintelligence
- ❖ Next meetings:
 - ❖ Schlegel?
 - ❖ Lanny Bates?