

Minutes of the June 1, 2002 Meeting of the  
Fermilab Users' Executive Committee (UEC)

REMINDER: Users Meeting June 10-11, then New Perspectives, register now!

Attendees:

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Heather Ray (GSA)  
Michel Sorel (GSA)

Absent:

Sally Koutsoliotas (koutsolts@bucknell.edu)  
Mike Kirby (GSA)

Benn called the meeting to order at 10 AM. He discussed his meeting with Mike Witherell.

Sidney Nagle, U. Chicago Condensed Matter Professor, gave a talk on presenting HEP to the non HEP community, we should get copies. Roy Orbach, head of DoE Office of Science, along with Peter Rosen, visited Fermilab on Memorial Day. Various issues were discussed including education and the Tevatron broad physics program and status.

The US-Japan meeting took place at Fermilab this past week, and a Lehmann review of CMS/Atlas/LHC is coming next week. A Lehmann review of NUMI went very well, safety issues had been resolved.

There is no change in the 03 budget outlook. There is no change in security.

The committee felt that physics in NSF will be an area of even greater concern as Bob Eisenstein, who has been a supporter, is gone.

Rick StDenis: Visa followup on DC trip

After considerable follow up consultation, while it is apparent that there is a lot of sympathy and support, the current visa proposal will not fly due

to issues of length of stay, home institution connection, and taxes. As a result we are pursuing a two prong strategy: on a short time scale, try to ease the enforcement of B1 by INS and consulates ("Exhaust administrative remedies first." -April Burke), then on a longer time scale, develop the visa we want. Consultations continue with OSTP and Zimmerman (Senate Foreign Relations); the current war atmosphere tends to favor tighter borders; it will be a victory if we can keep the pre-Sept 11 situation.

Rick/Robin: Inreach report on May 29th Meeting

Turnout was quite good, about 60-70 young physicists. There was a point/counterpoint between Heather and Kirby (with Robin playing the part of Heather who had gone home due to illness), Harpeet Singh talked about DO/Babar to working for Lucent, Rob provided some job statistics, Benn discussed DC type government opportunities, Kirsten Tollefson and Steve Worm discussed becoming an Assistant Professor, and Vic Scarpine discussed contrast between private and lab employment. The information on networking and CV preparation was as well received as the pizza.

Robin: Users Meeting June 10/11 [Register NOW!]

The program is set with some minor adjustments. There is a web page to register and the program is posted. See [http://www.fnal.gov/orgs/fermilab\\_users\\_org/](http://www.fnal.gov/orgs/fermilab_users_org/) for a links to the Users Meeting and GSA New Perspectives. The Users Meeting will not be streamed live but will be archived, committee members should come on down and help.

Subcommittee reports:

Quality of Life:

Wendy, Heather and Sherry will meet with Bruce Chrissman on taxi and bike path issues. Robin asked that they push on the problem of the users e-mail list for beginning Fermilab scientific staff. Benn asked that they look into the possibility of reserving a day care slot for transients.

Inreach:

Will do another town meeting with the new group, perhaps in October.

Outreach:

Chris is about to attend a conference on putting together displays; he may find out there what is happening with the Museum of Science and Industry and will then check out possibilities at O'Hare.

GSA:

New graduate student representatives are being recruited. There are 20 new

education volunteers. For New Perspectives, the poster session is filling up well, they are pestering and recruiting for 16 talks and 3 senior talks (which will star Leon). A soccer watching party was organized.

Upcoming UEC Election:

As usual, there are six vacancies for two year terms on the Users Executive Committee to be elected this summer. Interested parties should submit a petition at the Users Meeting, or contact a current committee member if that is not possible.

Next UEC meeting will be in the fall after the election.