

## Statement

The booklet “Quantum Universe” does a masterful job of describing the excitement and potential of our field today. But this is also a time of change and uncertainty due to growing centralization, internationalization, ever-longer time scales for experiments and competition for funding. Fermilab will become the only US particle physics laboratory. Much of the particle physics community is involved in the LHC. Planning for the ILC and for a bid to host the ILC in the USA at or near Fermilab is becoming a primary activity for many physicists and engineers. I believe it is important in this changing environment to reassess the roles of the Fermilab Users Organization and the UEC while continuing to fulfill its current responsibilities. University groups have been the core of the Users Organization, which provided them with an effective way to communicate with lab management, especially when there were many small experiments. The relative independence of the organization means that it has also developed a very important role in communicating with DOE, NSF, OMB, OSTP and Congress. We need to look at the role of users in contributing to the existing and planned accelerators. What are the needs of users of the LHC Physics Center and the LHC@FNAL remote access center? To what extent do we need to help mobilize even more outreach to Washington and the general public? Are we coordinating our efforts as well as we could with universities? Even more basic, who are the users? I would like to serve on the UEC because I believe my long experience as both a university-based user working on experiments and a Fermilab scientist in the Accelerator Division gives me the background to ask the right questions.