

MEETING OF THE NHERI USER FORUM COMMITTEE
March 9, 2022, 2:00pm Central

MINUTES

In Attendance: Stephanie Pilkington, Stephanie Paal, Wei, Antonio, Claudia, Tori, Yazen, Shane

1. Approval of meeting minutes from the Feb 7, 2022 meeting

Stephanie Pilkington made a motion to approve the minutes: Yazen seconds; no objections.

2. Update on the summer institute (and NHERI Researchers Meeting)

Some of the UF members have received the confirmation message about their applications. Yazen and Stephanie Paal have not heard back regarding their applications. Stephanie Pilkington will follow up with Antonio offline regarding this issue.

Shane & Yazen: Tech Transfer Committee encourages us to attend the NHERI Researchers Meeting on Oct 6-7 in DC. And we are not certain about the information about travel support.

Antonio: Will ask and find out more information about the NHERI Researchers Meeting and then share it with the UF.

3. Report from User Satisfaction Survey committee

Maggie: Shared a brief, broad-scale overview of module data results with the NCO, noting that results represent respondents from six sites (FIU, UFL, UCDavis, Lehigh, UTexas, UCSanDiego) with an n=25 representing feedback from Faculty Researchers, Post-Docs and Graduate Students. Across the board, this feedback largely rates different dimensions of user satisfaction *positively*. We also shared our request for an opportunity to share these results with staff and support personnel who have been helping us with this, offering to schedule a presentation or circulate a document/PowerPoint. In response, **the NCO indicated a PowerPoint would be appreciated and shared--but noted that staff and support personnel might already be familiar with this feedback**. We also requested updated contact information from each NHERI component to ensure we have access to the most appropriate persons to communicate with regarding User Satisfaction, as a follow-up on the 'heads up' we provided when we last joined an NCO meeting. **Rather than circulating a document, as we did last time (see attached), we put together a google**

form: <https://forms.gle/craCGqn5benHPUP49>.

4. Report from NCO representatives

Antonio: Mohammad requested on behalf of the user forum 15 minutes at the next Council meeting to report on the status of the ongoing survey. Claudia Reis will be invited to participate at the SI with NCO support. The planning of the Science Plan Meeting is on schedule. The keynote speakers have been identified and they currently are working on the list of invitees. The planning for the 14th Americas Conference on Wind Engineering is almost finalized. NHERI will have a booth at the ACWE conference. NIAC discussed the plan for the first year of renewal. In addition, updates were provided on the status of the participation of the Graduate Student Council at the ACWE, the REU program, and plans for the SI.

Shane will attend the ACWE conference and can represent UF at this conference.

Antonio: Suggest Shane contact Dan Zehner (follow up offline with Antonio to obtain Dan's email) to see if the NHERI booth needs any support.

5. Report from ECO representatives

Stephanie Paal: I have not received any messages on ECO since the last meeting in November and need to check with ECO to make sure both Stephanie Paal and Stephanie Pilkington will be put on the email list.

Stephanie Pilkington: will follow up with ECO (Robin) to check the mail list.

6. Report from Facilities Scheduling representatives

Claudia: Two pieces of exciting news: i) UCSD tall wood building model is looking for PIs who are interested in doing payload research projects and also people who work in the industry to contribute ideas for testing; ii) Bill Nye, the Science Guy, will do a news piece for this UCSD experimental campaign and UCSD is asking UF to provide help to reach out to the community and seek PIs who are interested in doing payload. Think of using email messages and the new Communication and Outreach committee to do outreach.

Antonio: one suggestion is for the Communication and Outreach committee to send out messages via social media to reach out to the community; I can put Claudia in contact with the NCO Communication committee to broadcast the messages.

Claudia: Experimental facilities committee is asking for active participation in reviewing the scheduling tool (<https://www.designsafe-ci.org/nco/>) and providing feedback. If you have any comments and feedback please contact Claudia.

Wei: UF members can take a quick look at the web page and provide feedback. This item will be highlighted in the meeting minutes as an action item.

7. Report from Technology Transfer representatives

Yazen: The most important item is to develop a search engine for all end users to locate the most relevant information on relevant technologies. We are in the process to determine keywords for using the search engine more effectively.

Shane: We met for the first time on Feb 24 for the past three months. The committee is concentrating on doing more work related to user satisfaction. The chair of the committee started two subcommittees. I am in one subcommittee to provide short videos to explain the products that the committee has already produced. We will start with 5 short videos to cover the sections described in the white paper published. Another effort is to provide web access for young researchers to request office hours to meet with tech transfer committee so that the committee members can help with proposal developments by providing information that aligns with the NHERI science plan. The other subcommittee is working on a search engine that Yazen mentioned to better connect end-users with existing research products.

Stephanie Pilingkton: Shane can also work with our Communication and Outreach Subcommittee to get the message out, especially those videos. Or Shane can reach out to Marti LaChance who is in charge of the youtube account (<https://www.youtube.com/c/DesignSafe>) and she has access to the viewer statistics.

Shane: Will pass on this information to the committee chair so that we can leverage the

resources together.

8. Updates on Communication and Outreach subcommittee

Stephanie Pilkington: We had our first meeting in Feb to set up a work plan. A Twitter message is released on resilience communities and the committee is looking forward to expanding the reach on researchers and practitioners, and maybe target more on LinkedIn.

9. Others

Shane: UF can help to reach out to young researchers and see how the tech transfer committee can help them.

Stephanie Paal, Yazen, Stephanie Pilkington: If the primary target is junior faculty members, then we can target young member committees in many hazard engineering organizations, e.g., EERI. Maybe we can connect with these young member committees to disseminate the information. We can provide presentations to conferences and local chapters to broadcast the information.

Yazen: An idea for the next meeting—discuss establishing liaisons with other technical committees, for example in ASCE.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm CT.

Summary of action items:

- Antonio: Will ask and find out more information about the NHERI Researchers Meeting and then share it with the UF.
- Stephanie Paal and Stephanie Pilkington: check with ECO to make sure both are on email list.
- UF members: Experimental facilities committee is asking for active participation in reviewing the scheduling tool (<https://www.designsafe-ci.org/nco/>) and providing feedback. If you have any comments and feedback please contact Claudia.

An agenda item for next meeting:

- Discuss establishing liaisons with other technical committees, for example in ASCE.