

**MEETING OF THE NHERI USER FORUM COMMITTEE**  
**August 17, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Attending: Claudia, Idil, Wei, Antonio, Sara, David, Esteban, Kameshwar, Maggie, Stephanie Paal

1. Approval of meeting minutes from July 21, 2023.

Wei moves, Kameshwar seconds. Approved.

2. Report from Graduate Students Council

Survey was sent via email to all members of the Graduate Council two weeks ago.

Maggie will join the GSC meeting tomorrow to discuss the user survey. There was a discussion to possibly add a question regarding the use of NHERI facilities when becoming a member of the GSC, but it will be more or less the same as what we are currently doing now in the user survey. Maggie and Esteban decided to keep the question in the User Forum survey to prevent any confusion.

3. Report from User Satisfaction Survey committee

59 completed survey responses so far. Maggie will promote the survey to the Graduate Council in a meeting tomorrow. Getting direct solicitations to facility PIs is the next step to promote the survey.

4. Report from NCO representatives

Wei participated the last meeting.

Mohammed reported the NCO about the user satisfaction survey results and the discussions regarding the GSC-specific question that Esteban just mentioned.

Mohammed also mentioned the DesignSafe restrictions for users from the five countries (Russia, Iran, etc). Julio will discuss this with the council to see if there are any actions that can be taken. NCO gave updates about the Science Plan.

REU virtual presentations was last week. Antonio, Stephanie Paal, and Claudia participated. The students were very engaged this year.

The dates (May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>) and location (University of Maryland, College Park) are set for Summer Institute 2024.

David clarified the DesignSafe issue. The issue is that the users from those 5 countries can access the data but they cannot contribute data from their own

experiments.

Antonio updated that it is probably started being implemented lately. The Office of Export Control enforces this rule. UF members can and should attend the NCO meeting if they feel stringly about this and raise these concerns. Potentially Mohammad as he has more direct experience.

Everyone but Kamewshar and Claudia received their reimbursements.

5. Report from ECO representatives

ECO will have updates next month.

6. Report from Facilities Scheduling representatives

NSF will have demonstration at the White House. NSF reached out NHERI for recommendations to select the most representative experiments to show the facilities. The facilities will all have a chance to present at the White House.

7. Report from Technology Transfer representatives

No updates.

8. Report from Communication and Outreach Subcommittee

No updates. Please use #NHERIspotlight when sharing updates on social media.

9. Other discussions

Adjourned at 11:37 am PT (moved by Wei seconded by Idil)