

MEETING OF THE NHERI USER FORUM COMMITTEE
February 12, 2024

MINUTES

In attendance: Antonio, Wei, Idil, Shane, Esteban, Yazen, David, Sara, Kamewshwar, Mohammad

1. Approval of meeting minutes from January 17, 2024.
Wei moves, Shane seconds. Approved.
2. Report from Graduate Students Council
Prof. Robertson presented the Science Plan in the last meeting. There was a lot of interest and great attendance from students and professors. NHERI GSC Annual Report is read and published here: https://www.designsafe-ci.org/media/filer_public/37/b0/37b0d5bb-fd97-4d1a-9762-9e1ee33e3ae6/2024_annual_report_final.pdf
Antonio will ask Julio to put a GSC presentation on the agenda for the next NCO meeting.
3. Report from User Satisfaction Survey committee
Maggie isn't here but sent email update. She presented the data to the council and it was well-received.
4. Report from NCO representatives
Wei attended the January meeting. Many items were discussed closely related to UF. 1. UF should submit a plan and decide if there are certain goals we should target to accomplish this year (Wei will follow up with the UF members), 2. Maggie mentioned a longitudinal study on the survey (Wei will communicate with Maggie). 3. The REU deadline was extended to end of February. 4. Summer Institute- We need the names that will go to Summer Institute.
5. Report from ECO representatives
Sara- The main item is to identify who from UF will go to Summer Institute (June 12th to 14th) this year. Wei will tally the names.
Antonio- we have two parts of money: support attendance as participants and support attendance of UF members.
6. Report from Facilities Scheduling representatives

Kameshwar- EERI conference in Seattle- there will be badge sharing.

7. Report from Technology Transfer representatives

Yazen- No meetings.

8. Report from Communication and Outreach Subcommittee

Stephanie Pilkington sent an email update:

- We've been able to bring facility reps into our monthly meetings! Yay! This includes, but not limited to, the rapid facility, FIU, Texas, and Leigh (among others).
- With this we can now share media postings across facilities to better promote the work that NHERI does.
- There is a private slack channel for coordinating efforts. If you are active on any social media platform and would like to be added to the channel, please let me know.

9. Other discussions

Shane- Membership of UF- it is time for Shane to roll off and doesn't want to take place if someone else wants to join.

Antonio- keep in mind that the grant finishes in October 2025 and it is not known if there will be an extension or any change. It may not be the best time to have changes in the UF.

Wei- We don't have specific terms. As long as the members are interested in staying in and serving, UF welcomes the members to continue serving.