

Minutes of the UEC meeting of 1 March 2003

Present: Chris White UEC Chair  
John Conway UEC  
Sharon Hagopian UEC  
Martin Hennecke GSA-FNAL  
Joey Huston UEC  
Rob Plunkett UEC  
Paul Sheldon UEC  
Eric Zimmermann UEC

Absent: Fernanda Garcia UEC  
Leslie Groer UEC  
Benn Tannenbaum UEC  
Wendy Taylor UEC  
Sherry Towers UEC  
Bob Tschirhart UEC

SLAC Users Organization (SLUO) phone participants:

Eli Rosenberg SLUO Chair  
Chris Potter  
Gabriella Sciolla  
Amanda Weinstein  
Michael Wilson

1. Next HEPAP meeting

Chris White has been asked to make a presentation at the March 6-7 HEPAP meeting. Concerns to be raised include the FY04 HEP budget and security issues at national laboratories.

2. UEC Web Pages

The UEC web pages do not meet the Fermilab standards. Sharon Hagopian will work with Elizabeth Clements of the Fermilab Public Affairs Office to bring them into compliance.

3. Annual Users Meeting

John Conway has a draft agenda for the next Fermilab Annual Users Meeting, which will be held June 2-3, 2003, to be followed by the New Perspectives Graduate Student Conference. The Annual Meeting will include a panel discussion on the future of Fermilab. Suggestions for panel members are welcome. It is very important for both US and non-US users to attend this meeting. It should be publicized in FermiNews and other appropriate places.

#### 4. Fermilab Funding

Chris White reported on a discussion he had with Mike Witherell on February

28. The FY03 funding from the Omnibus Appropriations Bill is \$1.5 million

less than the Fermilab planning budget and actually decreased by 0.5% relative to FY02. Various categories will be squeezed, but there will be

no layoffs or program cancellations. The President's proposed budget for

FY04 has a 0.8% increase for Fermilab relative to FY02.

#### 5. Non-US Issues

Chris White, UEC chair and Rob Plunkett, non-US subcommittee chair, met with

Bruce Chrisman last week to discuss access problems for non-US physicists.

Proposed procedures for lab access on evenings and weekends for those

non-US users with expired ID badges are being considered. These would apply

to those who are in the database (i.e. have gone through the new ID badge

procedures at least once since February 4, 2003.)

Those Fermilab users with visa problems should send information concerning

this to Roy Rubinstein.

#### 6. Washington trip planning

Joey Huston is coordinating the 26-27 March trip to Washington, DC. UEC

members planning to go should send their hotel requests to him. SLUO

members going should send their hotel requests to Chris Potter. Amanda and Chris

circulated a draft of the one page flier to be given to members of congress

and staff members who are visited. It was suggested that a photograph of a

physicist with a detector be added for visual impact. Joey will make a tentative list of the contents of the packet to be left at each

visit.

This should include Quarknet information and a E-MAIL list of SLAC and Fermilab Users. A glossy page with site photos of SLAC and Fermilab should

be made. The SLUO group is also working on a FAQ sheet. There will be  
a special UEC meeting on March 22 to finalize assignments for the DC  
trip.

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