



Minutes of the Fermilab UEC Meeting on September 17, 2010

Attending:

Todd Adams
Mike Cooke,
Marj Corcoran (phone)
Dick Gustafson
Carley Kopecky (GSA)
Jonathan Lewis
Ron Moore
Manfred Paulini (video)
Brian Rebel
Mayly Sanchez (phone)
Dave Schmitz (video),
William Wester
Lisa Whitehead

Guests:

Greg Bock
Barb Book
Amanda Petersen
Kurt Riesselmann
Kappy Sherman

UEC Introductions

Welcome to the newly elected UEC members: Mike Cooke, Dick Gustafson, Jonathan Lewis, Manfred Paulini, Brian Rebel, Lisa Whitehead

Continuing Members: Todd Adams, Marj Corcoran, Heather Gerberich, Ron Moore, Mayly Sanchez, Dave Schmitz, William Wester

Thanks to the outgoing members for their service: Karen Gibson, Heather Ray, Mike Hildreth, Ashutosh Kotwal, Jon Urheim, Tricia Vahle

Users Office Introductions

Barb Book, Kappy Sherman, and Amanda Petersen were introduced. Barb reviewed their roles in supporting the UEC and some formalities regarding UEC travel.

UEC Chair Report - Ron Moore

NUFO is seeking to volunteers to assist with an exhibit at the USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington DC during October.

Ron summarized the UEC tasks and subcommittee duties. The new chair will ask for subcommittee preferences and make assignments soon.

Election of New Chair

Todd Adams was elected UEC Chair for 2010-2011. Congratulations!

Thank you to Ron Moore for serving as UEC Chair for 2009-2010. It was a very successful leadership.

View from Washington - Carole McGuire (Lewis-Burke Associates)

Congress has not yet passed *any* of the FY11 spending bills, so a continuing resolution must be passed for the entire budget before Congress recesses for fall election campaigning. Following the election, a lame-duck Congress will likely try to pass an omnibus budget bill; a continuing resolution for all of FY11 is unlikely because that would be seen as a Congressional failure.

The House passed its version of the America COMPETES Act reauthorization, but it was very partisan. The Senate will likely wait until after the fall election before bringing it for a vote.

Due to retirements, there will be changes in leadership of several science-related House and Senate committees. Results of the fall election could create additional changes, especially control of the House or Senate changes parties.

Chat with Fermilab Directorate - Greg Bock

Since receiving the strong recommendation from the PAC to extend the Tevatron Collider run, Pier has been discussing the situation with the DOE management and others. He is prepared to proceed with the recommendation provided additional resources can be acquired while minimizing damage to our Intensity Frontier experiments and avoiding damage to the national high energy physics program beyond Fermilab. This is not an easy time to seek additional funding. Certainly the Office of High Energy Physics will be seeking advice from review panels before it would decide to try to move forward with this proposal. Pier's proposal would impact NOvA by delaying the transition to full power operation of the NuMI beam and Mu2e by slowing the ramp up of construction funds.

Earlier this summer the DOE held a review to consider 3 possible intensity frontier projects--the new g-2 experiment here at Fermilab and the two super-B factories, one in Japan and one in Italy. There has not been an announcement of a decision yet.

Next meeting: Oct. 8, 2010