

## Users Executive Committee meeting minutes for September 18, 2015

The meeting, chaired by Bill Louis, began at 8:15. Bill Lee, Lee Roberts, Jesus Orduna, Thomas Strauss, Ed Kearns, Minerba Betancourt, Louise Suter, Sarah Lockwitz, Bill Louis, Fernanda Garcia, Andre de Guvea, Kurt Riesselmann, Mateus Carneiro, Robert Fine, and Griselda Lopez attended the meeting. Nigel Lockyer was also present, representing the Directorate. Georgia Karagiorgi and Eric Prebys attended by phone.

### **Report from Washington**

Leland Cogliani of Lewis-Burke Associates reported on the news from Washington. Leland mentioned that the fiscal year ends in 12 days, corresponding to only 3 legislative days to pass a budget or a continuing resolution in order to prevent a Government shutdown. Planned Parenthood and Iran sanctions are issues that are causing delays, which will be tests of Republican leadership. The draft CRENEL report, which reviews National Laboratories, is out for public comment, and the final report is due by the end of October. The report recommends that more funding be provided for National Laboratories and that simpler, national standards should be followed to reduce overhead (let Labs decide). Two House members visited CERN recently, and CERN expressed strong support for LBNF/DUNE. There also appears to be strong support for Fermilab from Congress.

### **Report from the Directorate**

Nigel Lockyer reported that the Integrated Engineering Research Center (IERC) has obtained CD-0 and has an estimated cost of \$85M. The campus plan also has a hostel concept next to Wilson Hall, where people can eat, sleep, and work. Various issues were discussed with Nigel, including the Wilson Hall men's bathrooms on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> floors being out of order and the need for additional summer housing.

### **Overview**

Bill Louis gave the chair report. He welcomed new members to the UEC and thanked retiring members for their important service. New UEC members include: Minerba Betancourt (Fermilab), Georgia Karagiorgi (U. of Manchester), Ed Kearns (Boston U.), Sarah Lockwitz (Fermilab), Eric Prebys (Fermilab), and Louise Suter (Argonne). Continuing UEC members include: Fernanda Garcia (Fermilab), Fabio Happacher (INFN), Bill Louis (LANL), Jesus Orduna (Brown U.), Linda Spentzouris (IIT), and Thomas Strauss (Fermilab). Retiring UEC members include: Sandra Biedron (Colorado State), Tulika Bose (Boston U.), Andre de Gouvea (Northwestern U.), Bill Lee (Fermilab), Vivian O'Dell (Fermilab), Lee Roberts (Boston U.), and Marcelle Soares-Santos (Fermilab). The next UEC meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2015.

Fernanda Garcia discussed planning for the Fermilab 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2017. The planning committee will have a report by the end of October. Fernanda also discussed the "How-to Guide for Users", which should become public by the end of October. In addition, FSPA has just finished a "Guide for Life at Fermilab". Both guides will be available in online and printed versions.

### **Users Meeting Sub-Committee**

Thomas Strauss reported on last year's Users Meeting and improvements that are planned for next year. The total number of people who registered for the 2015 meeting was 494, while 390 people attended the banquet and 250 people attended Festa Italiana. Possible changes for next year's Users Meeting include the following: (i) Have VIP dinner also in WH; (ii) Include a vendor exhibition; (iii) Coordinate poster session with FSPA; (iv) Encourage more people to attend the talks.

### **Government Relations Sub-Committee**

Jesus Orduna has begun planning for next spring's visit to Washington DC. As was done last year, it will be important to have an HEP Global Message that everyone adheres to.

### **Fermilab Student and Postdoc Association report**

Robert Fine gave the FSPA report. A revised "Fermilab Guide to Life" document is done and can be found at the following Web page: [http://orgs.fnal.gov/fspa/pages/guide\\_to\\_life/index.html](http://orgs.fnal.gov/fspa/pages/guide_to_life/index.html). Copies will also be distributed to residents of the village, and FSPA will remain stewards of the document. FSPA officer elections are planned for the week of September 21, and Robert Fine and Mateus Carneiro will remain as officers for a second year. Finally, a Fermilab-Argonne soccer match is being organized for October.

The meeting was adjourned.