

MEETING OF THE NHERI USER FORUM COMMITTEE
September 15, 2021, 1:00pm Central

MINUTES

In Attendance: Mohammad, Wei, Antonio, Shane, Liesel, David, Jim, Tori

1. Approval of meeting minutes from the August 11, 2021 meeting

Mohammad made a motion to approve the minutes: Wei seconds; no objections.

2. Report from User Satisfaction Survey committee

No significant updates to the User Satisfaction Survey activities. The committee still has not heard back from the facilities regarding the survey modules/data. Mohammad and Antonio suggest bringing this issue up to the NCO and in the council meeting.

Antonio suggests Liesel ask for the renewal of the contract for the user satisfaction survey.

3. Report from NCO representatives

NCO had a meeting last Friday (Sep 10), and the main topic is to discuss the ECO report and discuss the date of the summer institute and REU dates. For REU dates: Block 1: June 6-August 12, and Block 2: 6/13-8/17; For summer institute, the proposed dates are June 20-22, June 22-24, or June 29-July 1, and the format will be face-to-face. The summer institute plans to include:

- (5) graduate students
- (10) K-12 teachers
- (20) Early-career faculty
- Add DEI workshop

NCO renewal award is also announced on NSF website: [NSF Award Search: Award # 2129782 - Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure: Network Coordination Office 2021-2025](#).

Mohammad will share the presentation about the NAAHRDI organization.

4. Report from ECO representatives

The next meeting is on Sep 23. The current effort is to collect feedback from the summer institute and the REUs.

5. Report from Facilities Scheduling representatives

The facility committee had a meeting on Sep 1. It covered the following items:

1. Facilities are overwhelmed with testing and the public schedule is falling behind. NSF is aware and concerned about this. This is the top priority for the scheduling committee.
2. The committee will assign facilities to work with for each of us to get the following data:
 - NSF Award numbers of all current projects and all upcoming projects through October 2019.
 - Overall dates for these projects (don't worry about specific tests at this point)
 - Any tentative projects that haven't been awarded from July-Spring 2020 (need general dates and a project name for these. For example, Q1 2020.)
3. New scheduling system
A markup of the system has been provided to the committee for internal review.

6. Report from Technology Transfer representatives

The committee is still in the process of interviewing the second round of grantees to determine their potential for technology transfer. This phase should be concluding this month, although the members needed extensions in the first round and it is possible that will happen again. Once the second phase of interviews has concluded, Bill Holmes will compile them into another report for NHERI NIAC.

7. New Member Elections

The new member election page has been live online: [User Forum Committee | DesignSafe-CI](#). The election is open until September 20. Mohammad will reach out to NCO and find out about the voting progress. Mohammad also suggests updating the web page with new officers.

8. Other Items

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm CT.