

Education and Community Outreach Committee
June 23, 2023 – 11:00 am Central Time via Zoom & In-Person
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Attendance Pedro Lomonaco (*Oregon State University—HWRL*), Laura Lowes (*University of Washington—RAPID*), Melissa Villareal (*University of Colorado, Boulder—CONVEREGE*), Stephanie Paal (*Texas A&M University—User Forum*), Jennifer Bridge (*University of Florida-BLWT*), Joel Conte (*University of California, San Diego- LHPOST6*), Koorosh Lotfizadeh (*University of California, San Diego- LHPOST6*), Robin Nelson (*University of Texas at San Antonio—NCO*)

NHERI Summer Institute Feedback Session

The NHERI ECO Committee met at the NHERI Summer Institute in-person and online to share feedback and suggestions for next year's Institute. Below are the main takeaways from the meeting:

- Roundtables were a better fit for sites than participants signups for meetings- keep for next year's Institute.
- A suggested improvement for roundtables might be to have multiple mentors from different sites could be at the tables and different tables could have various experiences that include a nice mix of mentoring.
- Handouts where we needed to be at each time in the schedule.
- Collaborate with K-12 educators Wednesday and Thursday so they understand how they fit into the Summer Institute or have a meeting with teachers beforehand. How could we incorporate educators on Wednesday?
- Also, talk to participants beforehand so they understand the purpose of the Institute and individual and collaborative tracks better before they begin. This worked well this year.
- RET has worked really well to be FIU supplement, DesignSafe, to fund them instead of just one. Ask all sites if they have REU sites and do they want to fund RET to attend NHERI Summer Institute. Laura is concerned about having the teachers taking over the conversation and the focus no longer being on research.
- Pedro suggested that we host the Summer Institute in December.
- The boats are a much better excursion than the Tower of the Americas.
- People stayed on time for their presentations and didn't get into the weeds. Remind presenters to focus on resources, how sites are used, examples of research.
- First day is so packed make sure to include at least 30 minutes to introduce groups, group assignments, and begin flushing out a possible collaborative mock proposal topic.
- A NHERI GSC member did not know what NHERI was until they attended the NHERI Summer Institute. We need to have a virtual NHERI GSC site presentation or workshop series.

New Business

- Any new business?

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