

MEETING OF THE NHERI USER FORUM COMMITTEE
July 14, 2021

MINUTES

In Attendance: Stephanie S., Antonio, Jim, David, Wei, Max, Tori, Stephanie P., Maggie

1. Approval of meeting minutes from June 17, 2021 meeting

Stephanie made a motion to approve the minutes: Wei second; no objections.

2. Report from User Satisfaction Survey committee

Maggie indicates the next step is to publish the User Satisfaction survey results online. Maggie will work with Mohammad to proceed to obtain feedback from the facilities. This feedbacks are scheduled to go into the report for the next year.

3. Report from NCO representatives

The NCO has received the UF report. The format of designsafe newsletter is undergoing revision. If you have experienced any issues with the designsafe newsletter or have any suggestions/feedback, please notify UF or Antonio directly. A comment was made towards the Summer institute that, having more face-to-face meetings can help to increase attendance.

4. Report from ECO representatives

In the ECO meeting, feedback on REU indicates a low turnout due to having online sessions, as it is difficult to navigate research facilities in a virtual setting; there has been a higher interest in coastal disasters compared to other issues in the meeting; to make better use of communication tools and social media has also been discussed.

5. Report from Facilities Scheduling representatives

The facility meeting for July was canceled. Regarding the action item from last UF meeting, the new webpage to connect potential researchers with NHERI sites (<https://www.designsafe-ci.org/facilities/nco/contact/>), Wei has already sent the feedback from UF to Dan. If a second-round review is needed from the scheduling committee, Wei will pass on the request to UF.

6. Report from Technology Transfer representatives

Shane (cannot attend but passed on notes) and Jim provide the updates from TTC: Bill Holmes shared some feedback from the NCO re-authorization:

- A new proposal included expense funding for several TTC activities:
 - Several members to the Summer Institute.
 - Several members to the “All NHERI” meeting in Oct 2022.
 - Potentially one face-to-face meeting per year (potentially, because we have to come up with a good reason).
 - Potentially one meeting with NHERI researchers every other year (potentially for the same reason).
- The next TTC activity will be to pick 15 or so awards NOT selected in the last round (less implementation potential) and conduct similar interviews to find out how the other half lives.
- The last effort of interviews will end up being the Annual Report (another new thing) for last year and will be placed on a rejuvenated designsafe TTC page.

7. New Member Elections

UF has already received nominations and the candidates (and election page) will be published online soon for voting. A suggestion is to link the survey results to the elections page so that it can help to direct the representation in UF. Again, the elections are to replace three members, Stephanie S., Max, and Jim.

ACTION ITEMS: All UF members: Keep an eye on the email for new member elections.

8. Other Items

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm CT.