

**NHERI Council Monthly Meeting No. 4 in Y-5**  
**October 1, 2020, 2:15 – 3:15 PM EDT**

**NHERI Council - Fall 2020 Meetings**

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**Attending:**

- Oregon State University: Dan Cox (EF Dir.)
- University of California, Berkeley: Sanjay Govindjee (Co-Dir.)
- University of California, Davis: Ross Boulanger (EF Dir) CGM
- University of California, San Diego: Joel Conte (EF Dir., Council Chair) LHPOST
- University of Colorado Boulder: Lori Peek (Dir., CONVERGE)
- University of Florida: Forrest Masters (EF Dir.) and Jennifer Bridge (EF Dep. Dir.) Powell Lab
- University of Texas at Austin: Tim Cockerill (Dep. Proj. Dir.) DesignSafe-CI)
- University of Texas at Austin:
- University of Washington: Joe Wartman (EF Dir.) RAPID
- National Science Foundation: Joy Pauschke (Prog. Dir, NHERI)
- Purdue University: Julio Ramirez (NCO Dir., Council Secretary), and Dan Zehner (NCO Sch./Ops. Coord.)
- Florida International University: Arindam Chowdhury (EF Dir., Council Vice-Chair) WOW
- Lehigh University: Jim Ricles (EF Dir.) and Chad Kusko (Facility Manager), ATLSS
- Guests: Stephanie Smallegan, NHERI User Forum Chair

## Minutes

1. Attendance
2. Review and Approval of Minutes (previously distributed by e-mail) of Meeting No. 2 (8/6/2020) and Meeting No. 3 (9/03/20) in Y-5 (Conte)  
Approved Minutes are posted at: <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/facilities/nco/governance/nheri-council/>

Minutes were approved with a couple of editorial amendments from Joel Conte. Minutes from 8/06, Ross moved and Lori seconded and there were no objections. Minutes from 9/03, Lori moved and Arindam seconded, and there were no objections.

3. Continuing Business

- a) COVID-19 Facility Status (15') (All)

UCSD: upgrade work continuous with great success, and a recent workshop on tech transfer had over 203 registrants with 131 participants was a success with a large international participation.

OSU: continuous under the same status as last month.

CONVERGE: back to Phase 1, completely online due to spike in the number of infections. An upcoming training module on the conduct of research under stressful times will be conducted, and the link to the meeting was shared with the Council.

DesignSafe-CI: training continuous and a meeting has been scheduled with the facilities to discuss items for the next 5-years.

RAPID: Deploying for GEER in person training. Planning to send equipment to Beirut to investigate soil condition after the explosion. Other activities continue related to pandemic and RAPP.

UCDavis: All online with research going as in normal conditions. Strategic planning session was conducted via remote participation with past users and users planning to use the facility by invitation only. The information was used to plan the renewal proposal.

SimCenter: facility operating remotely.

NCO: Operating remotely, REU application information is out. Julio asked the Council to support it by distributing the information. NHERI Impact publication is in the final stages of preparation, currently responding to NSF review input. FBE NHERI Collection is continuing in the review phase with 9 out of 14 contributions approved and published online.

University of Florida: currently supporting proposal development.

Lehigh: working remotely and testing.

FIU: conducted workshop jointly with SimCenter, and executing research.

- b) Participation of the NHERI User Forum chair, Stephanie Smallegan, for discussion and feedback on the Y-4 User Satisfaction Survey Report and the survey module for this year (Year-5).

Shared with the Council prior to the meeting the report of the Year-4 Survey, and the module for the Year-5. Asked for input on both documents. Please send your comments on the report by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, and by Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> on the Module for Year 5. The Council expressed support for the Module. Stephanie noted that the report was overall very positive and highlighted that the use of the Science Plan has gone up. She indicated that the respondents indicated that the data format could be improved.

- c) AGU Virtual Booth: on the 9/03 meeting NCO asked the Council to think about a possible NHERI participation at the virtual AGU meeting in December 2020. NCO will share details with the Council as they become available. (Dan Zehner)

Dan indicated that the payment for the booth had been made and more information would be available in the next two weeks. He also invited the Council to submit requests for the booth

material.

- d) NHERI participation at the SEI Congress (Joe Wartman) and EMI Conference 2021 (Sanjay Govindjee)



Joe indicated that the plans are to put a workshop on the RAPID on campus at UW the day before the SEI since this has gone virtual.

Sanjay reported on the EMI that he is preparing a formal statement and that the meeting could go virtual. More information is to come.

#### 4. New Business

##### a) NSF Items (Joy Pauschke)

- NSF is funded under a continuing resolution from Congress until December 11, 2020. New FY funded until then.
- Diversity request, please respond by Wednesday Oct 7 by EOB.
- No-cost extension requests beyond Dec. 31, 2020: please send to Dr. Pauschke for review before submitting in FASTLANE. Send the text within the next two weeks.

#### 5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.