

MEETING OF THE NHERI USER FORUM COMMITTEE
February 21, 2025

MINUTES

Attending: Mohammad, Yazen, Kameshwar, Stephanie Paal, Antonio, Idil, Sara, Shane, Idil, David

1. Report from Graduate Students Council

No updates.

2. Report from User Satisfaction Survey committee

Maggie attended the last NCO meeting and gave a brief presentation of the survey results.

3. Report from NCO representatives

No further updates. NCO is waiting to get some clarity on the funding situation.

4. Report from ECO representatives

The last meeting was primarily on REU and Summer Institute. User Forum members should let Robin know if they want to go to Summer Institute.

5. Report from Facilities Scheduling representatives

The group met with Dan Zellner. There are worries about the funding ambiguity. There was a discussion in the last meeting on what rates should PIs use if they propose using the current NHERI facilities because they may not be NHERI facilities anymore in the future. The recommendation is to use the current rates as of the date of submission. The group suggested everyone to call their Congressmen to tell them that science research is important.

6. Report from Technology Transfer representatives

The group could welcome 3 to 4 new members.

7. Report from Communication and Outreach Subcommittee

The SIM center symposium was very successful. They did 5-7 minute lightning talks to expand the outreach. The Communication Committee will help them spread the word about these talks.

8. Other discussions

There will be an NCO booth at GeoFrontiers.

Sara made a suggestion that as the User Forum, we may have a guide for the research community on how to navigate the new changes. This will be especially

helpful for new faculty as they figure out how to find funding within their universities to fund their students if they experience a funding cut.