Good afternoon NHERI GSC!

Thank you to all who attended our NHERI GSC General Meeting on November 17th, 2023. During our meeting we heard from Dr. Tim Cockerill, User Services Directorate for the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) and were able to introduce the new NHERI GSC Leadership and the first Research Subcommittee Representatives!

Below you will find the minutes from today’s session.

- **Announcements:**
  - Welcome to all new NHERI GSC members!
    - Nominations accepted until November 24, 2023, at 11:59 PM CST for the following positions:
      - Vice Secretary
      - Vice Treasurer
      - Vice Chair of Technology and Communication
    - You must be a member in good standing who has attended at least two meetings.
  - **New NHERI GSC Leadership:**
    - Avipriyo Chakraborty, *Chair of Technology and Communication*
    - Nurullah Bektas, *Vice Chair of Research*
    - Samira Tafazzol, *Vice Chair of DEI*
    - Jenny Russell, *Vice Chair of Membership*
    - Benjamin Labar, *Vice Chair of Workshops and Mentoring*
  - **New NHERI GSC Research Subcommittee Representatives (RSR):** these representatives are available to all members to communicate your research interests, speakers you would like to invite for general body meetings, etc. Contact information is provided in the table at the bottom of this email.
    - Amina Meselhe, *Coastal Engineering*
    - Sasan Dolati, *Earthquake Engineering*
    - Carlos Acosta, *Geotechnical Engineering*
    - Saanchi Singh Kaushal, *Reconnaissance*
    - Soolmaz Khoshkalam, *Simulation & Computational Methods*
    - Teye Yevuyibor, *Social Science*
    - Wesam Mohamed, *Wind Engineering*
  - **Approve Amendments:** the following amendment changes will be voted on for approval through a Qualtrics survey, voting will be open from Friday November 17th – Monday November 20th.
    - #1 Vice-Chair to automatically fill the Chair position if the Chair steps down outside of the normal election cycle.
#2 Revise the name of the “Technology and Communication” standing committee to “Social Media and Outreach.”

#3 Revise Article VII, Section 2 to clarify that Research Subcommittee Representatives will be selected by the Executive Committee and not elected.

- **Events:**
  - NHERI Summer Institute, June 12-14: a free event to learn more about the Natural Hazard Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI) community. During the 3-day institute participants will meet with NHERI site representatives, K-12 educators, NSF CAREER Awardees, and a program director from the National Science Foundation (NSF). At least 5 NHERI GSC students will be selected to attend from the applications submitted.
  - If you are interested in attending, deadline to apply is February 25th, 2024: [https://bit.ly/2024NHERI_SummerInstitute](https://bit.ly/2024NHERI_SummerInstitute)

- **Today’s Speaker:** Dr. Tim Cockerill, User Services Directorate for the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC). Thank you, Dr. Cockerill for the interesting and engaging presentation on “Utilizing Cyberinfrastructure to Advance Natural Hazards Research.” A recording of this presentation can be found on our website in the coming days ([https://www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council/explore/meetings/](https://www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council/explore/meetings/)). If you have any additional questions for Dr. Cockerill you can reach out to him via Slack or email, cockerill@tacc.utexas.edu.

Our next meeting will be Friday December 15, 2023. This is our annual Holiday social, so come meet great like-minded graduate students and have a great time!!

**Welcome to New Members!!**
Juliana Pereira
Kristina Fillman
Justin Smith
Najiba Rashid
Aneika Perez Valdivieso
Diego Cascante
Jose Cap Salinas
Nicholas Coello Himadri
Sen Gupta
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**Working Group Leadership and Contact**
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Thank you for your attention!

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Attendance was taken via zoom as follows:  
- Rajendra Gautam  
- Teye Yevuyibor  
- Jose Capa Salinas  
- Avipriyo Chakraborty  
- Jordan Nakayama  
- Anamika Malla  
- Tim Cockerill  
- Connor Pezeshk (cpezeshk)  
- Nurullah Bektas  
- Julie Elliott  
- Emmaleah Jones  
- Olaniyi Diran Afolayan  
- Mahmoud Abdallah  
- Andres Rodriguez Burneo  
- Farman Ali  
- Liu, Chenqiang  
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