APSUO/PUC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS- APRIL 2022

* Ask the APSUO link will be added to EEF form. Vector ticket is currently underway
* Procedures to turn beamlines back on are under development by the operations team. Dean Haeffner will organize a team to establish a requirements list by July 2022. Floor coordinators are the POC for the beamlines WTR the checklist.
* GU Program Review is underway. Reports from all 3 subcommittees have been combined and sent to chairs for feedback/comments. The goal is to finalize the review by summer of 2022 and implement actionable items. Draft recommendations from the committee include:
  + Educate the community (especially PRP) on what the BAC does and continue with the operation of the BAC.
  + Aging: Write up clear goals and rational for what aging does and make available on APS website
  + Demographics: Publish user demographics yearly- UO is working on getting standard list of demographics and will collect information in the UPS for reporting.
  + New proposal system should be set up to allow for Double Blind review in the future.
  + MX beamline rules/policy are different, and this should be highlighted and explained in policy.
  + Add short description of each access type and its available modes
  + Determine whether staff proposals are useful.
  + Allow user groups to jointly submit proposals- This will be allowed with the BAG proposal type in the UPS system.
  + Group access modes in different categories- This is going to be done in the UPS.
  + Require proposals to indicate PI and lead experimental contact- This will be required in the UPS.
  + Develop procedures for each proposal type in step-by-step fashion.
  + Update APS\_1700813 to provide extra steps for PUPS to receive beamtime on CAT beamlines that include provisions requiring CAT approval.
  + Generate data to correlate GUP scores with final publications
  + Define proposal scoring system. Possibly adapt MX process to all reviews or derive new set of weighted questions that provide partial score.
  + Readjust and normalize scores
  + Evaluate PUPS with separate panel involving APS/XSD mgmt.
  + Develop mechanism where BL staff can influence score if PRP missed the point of proposal- Ups will allow for beamline comments in technical review.
  + Require BL staff to update PRP once a year on technical capabilities of their BLs
* Partnership models will be written with the intention of having the same framework across all storage ring light sources. Draft models have been sent to 5 light source directors with a goal of concurrence by the end of June 2022.
* Helium crisis continues. We are currently getting about 1/3 of the liquid helium we were getting pre-crisis across the entirety of the lab. ANL is looking into alternative suppliers to help bridge the rationing gap. Efforts continue to get defense priority and allocation system certificates for ANL liquid helium procurement.
* Universal Proposal System development is underway between APS, NSLS-II and LCSL
* User Meeting workshops start 5/2/22 with the plenaries starting 5/9 and 5/10. REGISTER NOW!
* DEI session at UM- Need moderators for breakout rooms and will solicit SC for volunteers.
* Upcoming schools include CCP4 (virtual), NXSchool (onsite), APS/IIT Summer EXAFS School (on-site), Dynamic compression School (on-site)
* Upcoming workshops include a “First Experiments” series for APS-U hosted by Dean Haeffner (Summer/Fall 2022) and Structural Biology Town Halls (Summer 2022) hosted by Bob Fischetti.
* As a team, the UOSC needs to find what they want to champion and work with APS to put into action. Michelle will ask for input, gather ideas, and share with Denny to move forward.