

**CLS Users' Advisory Committee 2010**  
**Minutes of Meeting #111: September 8, 2010**  
**(1:00 pm Saskatoon Time) at the Canadian Light Source**  
**Room 2046, CLS**

**Attendees:**

At CLS: Andrew Grosvenor, Lucia Zuin, Tom Ellis, Lavina Carter, Jillayne Neufeld (minutes)

By Phone: Serge Desgreniers (Chairperson), Ron Cavell, Derek Peak, Dennis Tokaryk, Kirk Michaelian, Pierre Kennepohl, Adam Leontowich

Regrets: Josef Hormes, Jim Hendry, Graham George, Michael Murphy, Stewart McIntyre (past chair)

**1.0 Approval of the Agenda and Last Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2010**

- Upon discussion, a motion was made by Dennis Tokaryk to accept the minutes from August 11, 2010 once the updates have been made by Jillayne. Pierre Kennepohl seconded the motion and the minutes were passed. A copy will be provided for the User Office file and put on the UAC website.

**2.0 Issues and Questions arising from the August 11, 2010 Meeting**

- none.

**3.0 Welcome and Report from the new UAC Chair (Serge Desgreniers)**

- Serge welcomed the new regular members, Andrew Grosvenor (University of Saskatchewan), Kirk Michaelian (NRCan) and the new student member, Adam Leontowich (McMaster University).
- As well he welcomed Lucia Zuin as she will no longer be an observer, but rather a regular member of the UAC.
- Thanks also went out to the continuing members.
- A UAC handbook will be going out shortly to the members. This booklet lists achievements, challenges, members' roles and responsibilities, etc. There are some vacant tasks and Serge will be circulating the list to all members looking for volunteers.

**4.0 Research Director's update – Tom Ellis**

- Tom welcomed Serge as the new Chair of the UAC.
- New Call for Proposals closes tonight, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm CST. Submissions are high, already 55 new proposals, which includes 2 new beamlines, BMIT and REIXS.
- CLS Floor Coordinators are now on Twitter to provide updates to all on the Experimental Floor, etc. Next step could be Facebook. Tom encouraged the UAC to consider something like this to keep users updated.
- CLS had a visit from the Governor General, Michaëlle Jean on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- CLS is working on improving 'housekeeping' with general cleaning and painting of the experimental floor. 2 of the 3 new in-house caretakers have been hired. As well, new chairs and sofas are available at most beamlines, which has provided positive feedback from many users.
- Steve Heald will be returning on September 26-27, 2010 to run experiments on HXMA.
- Floor Coordinators conducted noise testing and a series of improvements have been identified. This survey will be repeated on a regular basis. The

UAC asked whether the FC's could provide a report on this. Tom will speak with Robert Blyth about this question.

- Computer passwords: Floor Coordinators now have a list of passwords to re-set appropriate beamline computers.

#### **5.0 Comments and suggestions from beamline scientists group (Lucia Zuin)**

- Lucia indicated if the passwords are not displayed on the beamline computers, the floor coordinators will have these passwords.
- Discussion is taking place about how to make the Beamline Status Display simpler and easier to understand. If anyone has any comments or suggestions, please send them to Lucia Zuin or Robert Blyth.

#### **6.0 Update on Vancouver short course in Fall 2010 (October 2-3, 2010)**

- Ron Cavell indicated Graham George and Ingrid Pickering have agreed to participate and possibly Mark Glover.
- No announcement has been made to date; only word of mouth. Once the online registration is ready (hopefully next week), we would like to announce this course on the CLS website.
- Budget: Michael is looking after this but was unavailable for this meeting. It is expected to be less than the Ontario course, but it will depend on travel costs to bring in speakers. Emil Hallin is providing the funding.

#### **7.0 AUM - update (Jillayne Neufeld)**

- Still waiting on financial numbers from U of S Hospitality Services – will report once these numbers are received. Lavina indicated we should be close to budget.
- Jillayne will be meeting with the manager of U of S Room Scheduling to see if room is available to hold the 2011 AUM on campus.
- # of Workshops – 2-3. Possibly 1 full-day workshop and 2 half-day workshops, or 2 full-day workshops.
- Poster session – prefer to hold on 1 day only – to eliminate people having to attend 2 days if they normally would only attend 1 day.
  - o We need to work on the judging process, possibly categorize the posters and have judges for each specific category.
- Is the Admin building available?
- The Atrium was great for the exhibitors.
- Jillayne will advise once she has spoken to the Room Scheduling Manager September 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8.0 User Office Update (Lavina Carter)**

- Reminder that the Proposal submission deadline is today, September 8, 2010 at 11:59pm.

#### **9.0 CLS as a National Facility (Serge Desgreniers)**

- Serge posed this question: "Is CLS a National Facility?" This should be discussed at the November F2F meeting. There seems to be an imbalance of regions for users. Cost of travel may be a factor.
- Ron indicated this is an ongoing discussion with the Board and Senior Management. Their desire is to make it so.
- Tom indicated this is on our (CLS) minds as well. We are trying to be a National Facility. Any help/support from the user community is key to the future of CLS. If we can find ways to get other universities to get actively involved without putting the U of S down, there could possibly be a change in ownership from U of S to a shared ownership. U of S President, Peter MacKinnon wants CLS to grow.

- Ron suggested we follow Triumph as a model – sharing ownership; but this would mean sharing liability as well as benefits.
- The UAC wants CLS to be seen as a National Facility and this will be discussed at the November F2F. How can the UAC help? Any suggestions for the F2F can be forwarded to Serge.

#### **10.0 Contributions from UAC members to the Patricia Cavell Memorial Scholarship (Serge Desgreniers)**

- Serge expressed his sympathies personally and on behalf of the UAC to Ron Cavell on the passing of his wife recently. As a memorial scholarship has been set up in her name, the UAC or some of its members may wish to provide a donation to this scholarship and had initially requested funds from the UAC budget be sent for this scholarship.
- Josef Hormes has indicated that as CLS funds are public funds, we should not be using them to support private scholarships. However, Josef graciously made an offer – any funds collected by the UAC members will be matched by Josef personally, up to a maximum of \$250. Lavina will speak with Betty Harper to see how funds can be collected if anyone is interested.

#### **11.0 Preparation of the Fall F2F UAC Meeting (Serge Desgreniers)**

- The UAC would like to meet the day before the SAC. **Secretary's note:** The dates for the SAC/MAC meetings are Thursday, November 18 and Friday, November 19, 2010.
- Jillayne will confirm whether there are rooms available at CLS or on campus to hold this all-day meeting.
- Tom Ellis indicated that the UAC would likely be able to meet with the SAC on Friday, November 19 in the morning. Janice Shaw has indicated that the SAC/MAC meetings adjourn at noon Friday, November 19.

#### **12.0 Other Business**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

**Next UAC meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 @ 1pm CST.**