

CLS Users' Advisory Committee 2010
Minutes of Meeting #109: July 14, 2010
(1:00 pm Saskatoon Time) at the Canadian Light Source
Room 2046, CLS

Attendees:

At CLS: Jillayne Neufeld (minutes), Derek Peak, Lavina Carter, Brian Bewer
By Phone: Pierre Kennepohl, Helen Nichol (past chair), Stewart McIntyre (Chairperson), Serge Desgreniers, Dennis Tokaryk, Michael Murphy
Regrets: Josef Hormes, Jim Hendry, Lucia Zuin (observer), Farideh Jalilehvand, Ron Cavell, Tom Ellis, Graham George

1.0 Approval of the Agenda and Last Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2010

- Upon discussion, the minutes from May 14th were moved to be accepted by Helen Nichol, and seconded by Brian Bewer. The motion to accept the agenda and minutes was 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 June 16, 2010 F2F Report

- Helen asked how Stewart felt his presentation was received at the board meeting and Stewart indicated it went well.
- The F2F minutes will remain confidential (will not be posted on UAC website) as the confidential nature of the F2F is to encourage people to talk freely about their concerns.
- The direct communication between the UAC and the Beamline Staff Scientists at the F2F is good and should be continued at future F2F meetings.

3.0 Discussion on proposed UAC-CLS Short Course in Vancouver (Michael, Pierre, Ron)

- A meeting with Michael, Pierre and Ron will be delayed until Ron is able to attend this meeting, possibly in the coming weeks.
- Dates for this course are set for: October 2-3, 2010
- Where: Vancouver, BC
- How much funding will be available? Stewart indicated the UAC has been offered up to \$10,000 from Josef Hormes for this course. The cost at UWO was far less, but travel costs are likely to be much higher to get to the West Coast.
- Michael/Pierre/Ron will try to have a budget worked out within a month.

4.0 Discussion on mentoring of new users (Stewart McIntyre)

- Discussion took place on how new CLS users who are inexperienced could be approached regarding any needs for mentorship they may require.
- Options discussed: Possible sign in User Services Office; Talk to a beamline scientists – they could help or redirect if users enquire; Consider discussions at Peer Review Committee – Proposal Review Meetings?
- Michael suggested we avoid the term 'collaboration' and rather use something like 'assistance' or 'advice'.
- Stewart will write to the PRC chair and Beamline Scientists asking for their help with this.
- Stewart volunteered to be the UAC contact during his year as Past Chair in the coming year.

5.0 Report from Helen on Animal Ethics Practices

- Helen had a meeting with CLS (Tom and Lavina), Amanda Plante from Animal Ethics, Jane Alcorn, and Diane Martz.
- BMIT has asked to look into:
 - o A check list to do animal experiments – this is now included in the protocol.
 - o Jamie Van Cleemput has simplified the web and has made it much clearer.
 - o User of dead tissues/fixes (dead) animals is now a simple procedure. Form A used should be kept simple, with very little detail.
 - o Need a common protocol for:
 - Things purchased at a grocery store, eg. Chicken wing
 - Standard fixed animal preps
 - Currently under the Beamline Protocol, Animal Care is OK with the protocol but there are still issues with CLS – we have a procedure where samples have to be listed. This is a problem on weekends when new samples cannot be added due to HSE staff not being here.
 - o Pickled samples could be treated as standard foil.
 - o Helen is waiting to hear from Tom Ellis about this.
- CLS wants a copy of signed ethics approval – they want the entire proposal.
 - o Suggestion that a check box could be used for U of S users to make their proposal available, but not attach it.
- Jane Alcorn wants live animal experiments to be supervised by a Vet.
 - o This is to better evaluate what users want to do with the animal.
 - o Helen suggested an alternate – Invite the Vet to supervise anytime they want – tell them when the experiment is taking place.
 - o If an experiment starts on a Saturday and a Vet is required to be available to supervise, but they are not available, this could cause huge issues.
- Consider a possible standard set of samples for general calibration.
 - o Could there be a check box saying “I would like to have access to the standard samples on _____ beamline”?
 - Lavina will speak with HSE about this and get back to the UAC.

6.0 AUM Report – Jillayne Neufeld

- 170 AUM attendees plus up to 64 Summer School attendees may have attended the AUM and associated workshops on June 17-18, 2010.
- Of these 170 attendees, 72 were CLS employees.
- We had 12 exhibitors – same number as last year.
- 32 speakers – 20 AUM speakers and 12 Summer School speakers
- 11 UAC members attended.
- 67 other registrants attended.
- The 2 hours over lunch were too busy with the lunch/poster viewing and exhibitor talks. Not enough time to visit with attendees, etc.
- Suggestions for future: showing posters over 2 days – 1/2 day viewing on each of 2 days?
- Poster judging could be improved. Serge suggested we assign a member of the UAC to work with CISR to choose judges, ensure every poster is judged in a reasonable time and that the award presentation is at a convenient time during the event.

- This year the judges were not chosen until lunchtime or later on the day of the AUM, Friday, June 18, 2010.

7.0 Report from Lavina Carter on User Office affairs and the UAC budget

- Is there a protocol if a tie occurs in the UAC member election?
- Call opens August 3 to September 8
- ENews goes out end of July.
 - Include Results of UAC election;
 - AUM Poster Award winners
 - Other award winners
- Web Development – UAC members have been asked to help with testing – Derek volunteered to help with this process..

8.0 Discussion on future AUMs

- Move to next UAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Next UAC meeting will be held Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 1pm CST in Room 2046, CLS.