

Scientific Technical Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Online Meeting

In attendance: Marion Brodhagen, Don Burgess, Steven Emory, Milton From, Cristina García-Lasanta, Josh Kaplan, Manuel Montaña, James Mullen, Amanda Murphy, David Patrick, Mark Peyron, Paul Spiegel, Kathy Van Alstyne, Charles Wandler
Guest: Steve McDowall, AMSEC Director

Meeting was called to order at 8:00am

Meeting minutes from February 10, 2020 meeting to be approved at next meeting

Announcements/Updates

- Reminder about STS Council Chair election at June meeting.
- Status of instrument purchases/deliveries: two QTOF instruments scheduled for delivery in June; MALDI do not want to take delivery until have a technician; GCMS purchase has been paused.
- STS staff all working remotely. Videos of instrument have been created and will be posted on the WWU and SciTech websites.
- Hiring freeze duration uncertain. Mass Spectrometry Technician search has been closed and will be open next year.

Discussion/Action Items

- Available services during COVID-19: Operations – case by case basis for requests to go on campus; staff running samples with scheduled drop offs. Sanitizing procedures in place.
- Creation of demo videos. SEM demo working well and is broadcast simultaneously; lead time for demo usually 2-3 days; have tripod for cameras to do live broadcast; current videos may be shortened to refine them in the long-term; currently no class generated samples.
- Discussion of STS Advisory Council draft annual calendar-institutionalize dates and agendas for particular items, e.g. June planning for next year; September allocation of resources; October annual report and pre-proposals that affect STS. Note: Early October Council meeting due to the earlier deadline.
 - Further discussion of STS Advisory Council calendar
 - Review STS User Survey from 2019
 - Social event – best month

Meeting adjourned at 8:30am

Next meeting: TBA