

Scientific Technical Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 8, 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: John Antos, Chemistry

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm

Meeting minutes from February 10, 2020 and April 21, 2020 meeting approved

Announcements/Updates

- Research opening – STS will continue operating under same procedures. Not set up for users to use equipment themselves.
- Status of instrument deliveries: two QTOF instruments scheduled for delivery the week of July 20, with installation dates of July 29-31 and August 14, training on August 31; MALDI tentative delivery week of August 10 with training on August 17.
- Kimberly Wurth has left her temporary position as the position ended.
- Sarina Kiesser has been working with a sub-group with ICS drafting research opening protocols.

Discussion/Action Items

- Proposed language change for bylaws - compensation of the Advisory Council Chair discussed and approved. New language: The Council Chair shall be elected from among the faculty on the STS Council at the last meeting of the spring quarter. The term shall be for one year and is renewable by the STS Council for up to six consecutive years. The Council Chair will be compensated with a \$2,000 stipend (\$500 per quarter). All of those who are eligible to vote on this measure, voted in the affirmative, 13 votes.
- Election of new STS Advisory Council Chair – motion of John Antos submitted and approved.
- David Patrick will be the permanent Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate School. Steven Emory agreed to be the interim STS Director for one year, with a search for a permanent Director to be held next year. The change will be in mid-July.
- Research reopening: Whatcom County in phase 2 so Western is thinking about restarting research. Guidelines – STS must create a plan and it will be reviewed and approved. Buildings with multiples departments, e.g. Environmental Studies, will have groups come together to make a single unified plan. Forms will be submitted via the Ready system. Sample delivery times scheduled individually.

Items from the Council

Steven Emory thanked everyone on Council for their work.

Motion submitted and approved by Council to thank Steven Emory for his being Council Chair with professionalism, generosity, and understanding as well as David Patrick's work as Director. All members of the Council are so very grateful.

Advisory Council members may serve six consecutive years. If anyone is planning to step off or stay on the Council, please email Steven Emory and Laura.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm

Next meeting: TBA