

Scientific Technical Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Online Meeting

In attendance: John Antos, Marion Brodhagen, Don Burgess, Steven Emory, Milton From, Josh Kaplan, Alia Khan, Manuel Montaña, Amanda Murphy, Mark Peyron, Margaret Scheuermann, Charles Wandler

Guests: Stephen McDowall, AMSEC, Jason Bryenton, STS

Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

Minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting approved

Discussion/Action Items

- STS Online Open House held on January 20. Staff debriefed and over 30 people attended. Possible extended sessions and office hours in the future. Hope to hold an annual Open House. Many thanks to Sarina Kiesser for creating and directing the Open House.
- Plans to reopen STS Instrument Center for student user access – shops will remain closed; instrument center will be re-opened to research access in phases as soon as it can be done safely - access will be room and instrument dependent. Occupancy, airflow turnover, volume of users, training needed, building access, and urgency of access (graduate students) will all be considered. Training and access for heavy users may start Spring quarter. Next phase training for regular users and limited access followed by “new normal” operations.
- Discussion of ideas for proposal to Murdock Charitable Trust must be related to Interdisciplinary Science and have 50% matching funds; different sources of funding are possible. Different instruments suggested.

Announcements/Updates

- Update on Mass Spectrometry Technician hire: review starting February 19; phone interviews to start in March
- Update on search for permanent STS Director – job posting internally. Position appointed by the Provost.

Items from the Council

- Search for permanent director

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm

Next meeting: March 9, 2021