Scientific Technical Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 Online Meeting

In attendance: John Antos, Marion Brodhagen, Mark Bussell, Steven Emory, Milton From, Cristina García-Lasanta, Josh Kaplan, Alia Khan, Michael Kraft, Manuel Montaño, Mark Peyron, Margaret Scheuermann, Kathy Van Alstyne, Nick Washburn

Meeting was called to order at 11:00am Minutes of October 6, 2022 meeting approved

Announcements/Updates

- Murdock Proposal is moving forward with a draft pending internal approval with a May decision by Murdock. STS has quotes on GC-MS triple quad. A joint proposal with Geology is pending for an isotope analyzer to be housed in Geology.
- STS Open House scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, with mass spectrometry and chromatography demos by faculty and staff.
- Sputter coater status: needs a replacement more specifics at next meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

- Service contract support for the LC-QTOF. It has become a work horse for STS staff use for research and real impact—cost options discussed. Ramen service contract support discussed.
- Discussion on constituent feedback for a new STS 5-year plan including budget, staff, space, and equipment.
- Further discussion on formal policy on how to get replacement parts and accessories for instruments.

Items from the Council

Future Council Meetings

- More detailed conversations on new STS 5-year plan amongst Council members
- Further discussion on creation of a formal policy for replacement parts and accessories for instruments

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am Next meeting: December 1, 2022