

Scientific Technical Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023

Online Meeting

In attendance: John Antos, Marion Brodhagen, Jason Bryenton, Mark Bussell, Steven Emory, Milton From, Cristina García-Lasanta, Josh Kaplan, Mike Kraft, Mike Larsen, Margaret Scheuermann, Kathy Van Alstyne, Nick Washburn

Meeting was called to order at 12:01pm

Minutes of January 10, 2023 meeting approved

Announcements/Updates

- STS staff update: Vincent Hill is retiring on February 28 with a reception at 4:00pm. The position has been posted internally. Jason Bryenton will be fulfilling the role as a Shops representative on the Advisory Council.
- The Murdock GC-MS proposal meeting has been scheduled for March.
- A STF (Student technology fee) proposal has been submitted for a gold/palladium sputter coater for electron microscopy with plasma cleaning capability as the current one is not repairable.
- Work continues on the overall STS budget along with a draft five-year plan.
- Instrument service contracts include five-year commitments for the Leica and Raman. Looking for key instruments to have service contracts.
- STS Open House for the Bond Hall space to be held on Wednesday, March 8. Shops and lab spaces will be open.
- Construction of the new Kaiser Borsari Hall to start in March near the southeast corner of the Communications Facility Building (CF). Steven Emory and Janelle Leger met with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences regarding concerns on potential impacts on instrumentation. Some instruments will be offline at the end of May-early June as this is the period of most disruption.

Discussion/Action Items

- Further discussion on Draft Policy for Instrument Maintenance, Repair, Supplies, and Accessories. Policy will create clear expectations particularly for staff, user groups, and Council. Vote to put the policy into practice by STS staff approved unanimously.
- Continuing discussion of STS Resource 5-year Plan – staffing, instrumentation and shop infrastructure, machining and electronic equipment, space, and data storage.

Future Council Meetings

- Draft document of STS Resource 5-year plan to be presented at March meeting.
- Council members to submit narratives for the STS Resource 5-year plan before April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm

Next meeting: March 9, 2023