

Scientific Technical Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Online Meeting

In attendance: John Antos, Jason Bryenton, Don Burgess, Steven Emory, Milton From, Nick Galati, Josh Kaplan, Mike Kraft, Mike Larsen, Sean Mulcahy, Manuel Montaña, David Rider (AMSEC), Margaret Scheuermann, Kathy Van Alstyne

Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm

Minutes of June 1, 2023 meeting approved

Announcements/Updates

- Introduction of new Council members – Nick Galati, Sean Mulcahy, and David Rider. New staff in Shops – Michael Van Iderstine.
- New equipment: STF funding for a new sputter coater and MicroCT installed spring quarter in CF building.
- Update on Murdock proposal (GC-MS triple quad and water analyzer): full proposal due in December - water analyzer in collaboration with the Geology Department.
- Planned maintenance completed for JEOL SEM and Raman.

Discussion/Action Items

- Discussion and edits of new Instrument User Agreement. Agreement created to have policies for all to follow, for staff to lean on for onboarding so students will understand ground rules, and to have early open communication. There are instrument specific agreements as well. Agreement (with minor amendments to be made) approved by vote of Council, so no additional approval required.
- Reformation of instrument user groups led by SciTech staff: electron microscopy (Michael Kraft), mass spectrometry (Sarina Kiesser), optical microscopy (Cassi King), and chromatography (Alyssa Tsukada).

Future Council Meetings

- Data management; graduate student TAs

Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm

Next meeting: November 8, 2023