Scientific Technical Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019 ES 530

In attendance: Marion Brodhagen, Don Burgess, Steven Emory, Milton From, Cristina García-Lasanta, Joshua Kaplan, Manuel Montaño, James Mullen, Amanda Murphy, David Patrick, Mark Peyron, Clint Spiegel, Kathy Van Alstyne, Charles Wandler

Guests: Nick Galati, David Leaf, Alia Khan

Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm Minutes from June 6, 2019 meeting approved

Announcements/Updates

- NSF-MRI internal proposals are due October 15.
- NSF-MRI for LC-QTOF-MS has been funded. Second proposal for the MALDI-TOF-MS is pending with date of November 21 for funding determination. LC system has been chosen but may package. Instrument orders to be submitted after November 21.
- TEM proposal was declined.
- GPC has been installed, training has been completed and instrument is being used.
- Temporary employee, Kim Wurth, to start as technician on October 14 to cover for staff leave.
- ¾ FTE staff person to be hired to oversee to new instruments. Position will include some teaching and research.

Discussion/Action Items

- Discussion of proposed NSF-MRI proposals with potential effect on STS. Possible new Murdoch proposal. Possible consolidation of several instruments to include looking at space and staff requirements. Possible microimaging lab with multiple users.
- How to frame priorities/resources/new programmatic directions?
- Council members to send ideas on the process to develop an instrument acquisition/ repair/replacement/ retirement plan to Steven Emory. Would like to institutionalize the process of new instrument acquisitions.
 - Work on instrument acquisition/repair/replacement/retirement plan
 - Annual report survey results

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm. Next meeting: November 6, 2019