Minutes of SLUO Executive Meeting of April 4, 2007

Committee members in attendance:

1 Past minutes

David is behind on getting old minutes approved. December minutes still need to be given to directorate for approval of minutes of lunch discussion. Still working on March minutes. January minutes are already on SLUO EC web site.

2 Director search

Search committee for new SLAC lab director has solicited input from SLAC users via SLUO EC. Frank has circulated draft letter to be sent to users. Approved by EC and sent out as soon as possible after meeting. Expect follow up meeting with search committee to discuss input that we receive.

3 Committee reports

3.1 Annual meeting

Annual meeting is set for June 7, 2007, which during BABAR collaboration meeting. Meeting to be 1/2 day. Unfortunately this is in conflict with FNAL users meeting, which has reduced possible Washington representation. Subcommittee agreed to meet April 6 to discuss speakers as candidates from DOE/P5 discussed in previous subcommittee meeting are now known to be not available.

3.2 Quality of life

Subcommittee has put together surveys on immigration issues and SLAC quality of life. Comments from EC requested by next week so that surveys can be sent out to users. Some discussion already via email.

3.3 Charter review

No information. Frank agreed to follow up with Gregory regarding his availability to follow through on this issue before June annual meeting.

3.4 DC Trip

Greg summarized very successful trip of SLUO/UEC and LHC users to DC. SLUO representatives each visited approximately 15 offices. With participation of ATLAS and CMS representatives, group was substantially larger than in previous years. Trip included visits also to OMB and OSTB. Katherine Beers (sp?) is new contact in OSTB and was very interested in case for physical science funding. General impression was positive and members were generally well received. In particular, positive comments from followup to American Competitiveness Initiative and our ability to contribute to providing a scientifically educated workforce.
4 FNAL steering committee

Committee formed to propose road map for the FNAL accelerator-based HEP program. Information on long range steering group can be found at http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/Longrange/SteeringPublic/. Frank and Sasha Kopp (as FNAL UEC chair) invited to participate in weekly committee meeting. Unfortunately Frank has conflict every other week. Committee discussed replacement candidates. David Kirkby will replace Frank.

5 AOB

Next in-person committee meeting including meeting with Directorate discussed. The 2nd week of May suggested. Details to be followed up after meeting.