

ALS UEC Meeting Summary 1/6/2023

Attendance:

UEC: Hope Michelsen, Tamas Varga, Quinton Williams, Whitney Loo, Connor Bischak, Aidan Coffey, Yingge Du, Inna Vishik, Stephanie Corder, Yu He, Sharon Bone, Devin Grabener, Leonid Sheps, Wendy Gu, Rourav Basak, Joanna Nelson Weker, Ming Yi

ALS Staff: Tracy Mattox, Andrea Taylor, Cindy Lee, Andreas Scholl, Ashley White

Virtual: Matthijs van Spronsen, Sophie Morley

Agenda:

8:30 am	Arrival Enjoy coffee and treats	
9:00 am	Welcome, ALS Updates (30 minutes)	Andreas Scholl Interim ALS Director
9:30 am	New Member Introductions (15 minutes)	Inna M Vishik UEC Chair
9:45 am	UEC Office Assignments (30 minutes) Assign responsibilities of vice chair, secretary, UM program chairs, UM award chair, webmaster, UEC election coordinator, etc.	Inna M Vishik UEC Chair
10:15 am	Launch Preparations ALS 2030 planning (20 minutes)	Ashley White ALS Interim Deputy for Strategy
10:35 am	2022 ALS User Meeting (15 minutes)	Yu He UEC Member
11:00 am	Break (15 minutes)	
11:10 am	ALS Director Search Update (10 minutes)	Melissa Summers LBNL Area Deputy for Energy Sciences

11:25 am	Congressional Outreach (20 minutes)	Jonathan Nurse LBNL Director of Federal Relations
11:45 am	Evaluating Proposal Review Process (10 minutes)	Tracy Mattox ALS Interim User Office Group Lead
11:55 pm	Working Lunch (60 minutes) Brainstorming outreach opportunities	
12:55 pm	ALS-U Update and Discussion (30 minutes)	Elaine DiMasi ALS-U Beamlines and Optical Systems Lead
1:25 pm	Town Hall Planning (30 minutes) IR (15 minutes, 1:25-1:40) ARPES (15 minutes, 1:40-1:55)	IR: Mike Martin ALS Group Leader for Photon Science Operations Leonid Sheps, & Sharon Bone UEC Members ARPES: Eli Rotenberg ALS senior scientist and program lead ARPES, photon science operations Yu He, Ming Yi, Inna Vishik UEC members
1:55 pm	Closed Session (45 minutes)	UEC Only
2:30 pm	Group Photo (outside building 15, depending on weather)	Thor Swift LBNL Lead Photographer
2:35 pm	Tour (55 minutes) This tour for on-site UEC members will visit recent ALS-U Project work in the Building 15 high bay and storage ring tunnels; IR beamlines; COSMIC and MAESTRO beamlines due to be upgraded as part of ALS-U; and the Charter Hill site.	Ashley White ALS Interim Deputy for Strategy
3:30 pm	CLOSE (15 minutes)	

Minutes:

Welcome, ALS Updates - Andreas

- Andreas presented user statistics over the past several years
- For the ALS-U, we are at CD3 and working towards the dark time that is scheduled for 2026
- Long-term vision: revitalized campus for materials and chemistry at Charter Hill
- ALS UEC will have an active role in workshops towards ALS 2030

New Member Introductions

- Inna leads introductions of new members, current members, outgoing members

UEC Office Assignments

- Chair: Inna Vishik
- Vice-Chair: Quentin
- UM organizer: Yu, Devin, Wendy
- Awards committee: Whitney, Lenny
- Poster competition: Aidan, Sharon
- Student Travel Awards: Tamas, Connor, Sophie
- Elections committee: Ming, Inna, (Alex added later)
- Secretary: Tamas, Sophie
- Webmaster: Devin

Launch Preparations ALS 2030 Planning- Ashley

- The ALS is working towards a post-ALS-U future
- We need to understand what science users want to pursue in the future
- Charter hill vision - want to create a mini-campus to extend long beamlines out to
- We want to use the upcoming user meeting to brainstorm science ideas for ALS 2030

2023 ALS User Meeting

- Yu presented lessons learned from last year
- 2023 ALS User Meeting will have an in-person component

ALS Director Search Update

- Melissa Summers updates us on ALS director search
- Search committee passed findings to Jeff Neaton and Mike Witherell
- Things are moving along in a positive direction and may take a few more months to finalize

Congressional Outreach

- Jonathan Nurse (director of government outreach) gives a summary of congressional outreach and what the ALS UEC can do
- The ALS UEC is planning to write a letter to congress once President Biden's budget is released

Evaluating Proposal Review Process

- Tracy Mattox (interim group lead in the user office) presented information about the proposal review process

- Allison Hatt will be brought on to evaluate proposal review process to evaluate what we are doing and to see how other user facilities handle the proposal review process

Working Lunch

- During the working lunch, the ALS UEC discussed user meeting dates, how to best communicate with the user community, and how to reach out to congress on behalf of users

ALS-U Update and Discussion

- Elaine DiMasi gave an update on the ALS-U and answered questions from UEC members
- The ALS UEC discussed how users can best reach out to the ALS-U planners regarding changes to specific beamlines

Town Hall Planning

- Mike Martin discussed the upcoming town hall that will cover the infrared beamlines and changes associated with ALS-U
- Eli Rotenberg presented changes to the ARPES beamlines due to ALS-U and discussed a future town hall for the ARPES community