

UEC Meeting December 1, 2021

Attendees: Brooke, Madeline, Tina, Shannon, Cassio, Branden, Cheryl, Gözde, Arkadeep, Jason, David, Sarbajit

- Thank you to those finishing up their time as UEC members!
- UEC elections
 - Reaching out to possible nominees through email has been very effective
 - 11 responses so far – 7 postdocs, 4 PIs
 - Need more organic, theory, and imaging representation
 - Recommendations for possible graduate students?
 - Cheryl suggests reaching out to users who applied for a grad student paper award or poster at the AUM
 - Voting starts Dec. 6
 - Announce winners on Dec. 21 (tentatively, maybe early January)
- January seminar speaker
 - Rodney Priestley Jan. 18, will be a virtual meeting
 - Cheryl will host, introduce Rodney during the seminar, etc.
 - Strategizing who Rodney will meet with throughout the day
 - In the past there have been 1-1 meetings as well as small groups meeting with speakers
 - Jason suggests some people in Building 30 who may be interested
 - Maybe have Kristin meet with Rodney for general discussion of the Foundry as a prospective user?
- Age of omicron
 - Branden says LBNL is following guidance of Alameda County, so COVID restrictions won't change at least until the county loosens restrictions, possibly even later
 - Some hope for loosening restrictions in January unless there is a large spike in cases over the holidays
- Job opening soon for staff scientist in nanofabrication facility so spread the word