

UEC October Meeting Minutes 10/6/2021

Attendees: Shannon Ciston, Madeline Van Winkle, Jason Cooper, Cassio Pedroso, Tina McCoy, Annelise Barron, Chenhui Zhu, Kristen Granados, Lauren Hughes, Cheryl Tajon, Gözde Barim, Brooke Kuei, Branden Brough

1. UEC picks for Foundry Seminar series

- Gao Liu (UEC member) for Fall (Nov. 2)
- Rodney and Elizabeth for Winter
- Markita Landry for Spring
- Starting to keep a list of possible speakers for next year as well
 - Annelise suggests Phillip Messersmith (soft materials/biomaterials, UC Berkeley)
 - Chenhui suggests Ting Xu (biomaterials, UC Berkeley)
 - Cheryl suggests Caroline Proulx (organic/drug discovery, NC State) and Nicholas Borys (2D semiconductors, Montana State)
- When will seminars start up in person again?
 - Business guests are allowed on site but Foundry not able to pay for travel yet
 - Staff able to travel to conferences soon, so the travel policy might be starting to soften
 - Hopes for having an on-site speaker in the spring

2. Affiliate access

- Starting Nov. 1, affiliates must either upload vaccination card or fill out form for deferral/exemption (which will be reviewed before approval) before going on site
- There will be an COVID testing protocol for those who have not been vaccinated
- Vaccination declaration is now part of the process to become an affiliate/new user
- Assigned scientists in charge of making sure users have filled out declaration form and are following protocols
- International users recently started being able to travel to LBNL
- Chenhui asks when the guest house will open
 - Shannon says it will re-open once demand is high enough for it to work out financially

3. UEC elections

- Nominations due in December (email asking for nominations will go out in November)
- Brooke, Lauren, Chenhui, Gao, David, Sarbajit, Yi-Hsien all finishing their term
- Positions open for PI, industry, postdoc