

# **Minutes of the RHIC/AGS Users' Executive Committee Meeting**

**August 9, 2002**

**Present:** R. Chrien, R. Seto (Chair), P. Yamin (secretary)

**Telephone:** B. Bassallack, J. Engelage, M. Lisa

**Guests:** I. Ben-Zvi (ATF), C. Sadler (ITD), S. Sevian (ITD), J. Swenson (Staff Services)

**Absent:** S. Kettell, Mitchell, M. Rosati, J. Thomas

**Observers:** P. Bond, B. Johnson, S. White-DePace

## **A More Representative UEC**

Richard Seto stated that a comment was made at the recent DOE review of RHIC regarding the absence of foreign users on the UEC. He also suggested that a more descriptive name be found for our organization, since it also includes users from the NASA radiobiology program and the Accelerator Test Facility (ATF). He also commented on the advisability of explicitly including student/post-doc representatives on the UEC.

Because so many UEC members were absent, Richard said that he would poll the Committee by e-mail to determine the advisability of modifying the by-laws to explicitly call for student/post-doc representation. (If this change receives the approval of the UEC, modified by laws will be presented to the membership for approval at the next election. A student/post-doc slot will be placed on the ballot, election contingent on by-law approval) He suggested that some procedures be defined in way such that they can be changed without amending the by-laws. This might be the place to define the role of foreign representation on the UEC.

## **Cyber-Security**

Connie Sadler (ITD) [[TRANSPARENCIES](#)] gave a presentation regarding cyber-security. She described the problems identified in two Independent Oversight audits (3/00, 12/01). She said that she would like to identify the small number of sensitive computers at BNL, which require a high level of security. For the rest, the security level could be less stringent. Her presentation was warmly received.

## **Staff Services**

Jeff Swenson (Staff Services) [[TRANSPARENCIES](#)] described some of the activities of his division. In response to a question about the construction of additional on-site housing, Jeff said that about 50 outside contractors expressed interest in building apartments and leasing them back to the Lab. This approach is being actively explored.

## **Accelerator Test Facility (ATF)**

Because ATF users can be part of our organization, Ilan Ben-Zvi was asked to describe that facility. It consists of lasers synched to a 70 MeV electron linac, an experimental hall, and offices. At any time, 10-12 experiments are approved; about 2-3 begin and end each year. Experiments underway or planned include the development of high-brightness  $e^-$  beams (applicable to electron cooling at RHIC), and high power  $CO_2$  laser acceleration (applicable to stochastic cooling.) About 20 MS/PhDs have been awarded for work performed at the ATF. In response to a question from Bob Chrien, Ilan said that the ATF is the only such user facility in the world.

### **Annual Meeting**

Mike Lisa reported on plans for the Annual Meeting. Marburger can't come, but Ray Orbach may. Richard Seto suggested that if Orbach comes, the agenda should be arranged so that he can hear talks that convey the excitement of QM02.

### **Et Cetera**

Susan White-DePace described some of the increased attentiveness that may have to be paid to the comings and goings of foreign visitors/users. At present there are only new draft orders from the DOE. We will have to wait and see what happens.

Richard Seto said that plans for the Thesis Award are on track.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:45.**