Center for Functional Nanomaterials User Executive Committee (CFN UEC)

March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

- Karen Chen-Weigart
- Nataniel Medina
- Sayantani Sikdar

- Shruti Sharma
- Grace Webster
- Laiba Bilal

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Meeting location: Zoom only

Minutes prepared by:

Topics:

- Group Picture
- Osgood Award
- UEC Elections/Charter
- User Meeting Planning Updates (Laiba)
- DOE Review/Mtg with Chuck (Shruti)
- Website update for DOE review (sayantani)
- Spring social events : Coffee, other events

Meeting Minutes:

- Potential Candidates for targeted outreach:
 - You Zhou (suggested by Houk)
 - Linda Peteanu (suggested by Mircea)
 - Others from User Meeting sub committees:
 - Atiya Banerjee (introduced by Priscilla, expressed interest in 2023)
- Picture taken of those present on this virtual meeting.
- Osgood Award
 - Announce during Users' meeting and open applications later.
 - Make sure of fund availability for a few years.
 - Usually taken from UEC's account and/or sponsors.
 - Around 23k-24k minimum available now.
 - Awards are usually cash awards.
 - Make it open to students and staff.
 - Are there any restrictions for staff to accept awards?
 - Student and Postdoc category.
- Grace to send statistics on users of the last 5 years.

- Establish requirements and criteria for award.
 - Send to Shruti possible criteria and requirements by early next week.
 - Shruti will send an email so we can reply to with our answers to it.
- Recruiting UEC members.
 - More interest is present in people becoming members.
 - Advertise before elections email drops.
 - Option to ask Priscilla to arrange in a coffee session for someone to speak about UEC elections.
 - Have an independent open meeting (apart from the coffee time) for people interested in being in the UEC to ask questions.
- Website: meeting to be scheduled with webmaster to update the website
- CFN coffee sponsorship discussed and agreed to sponsor the remaining 5 coffees before user meeting/UEC transition.

Topics for next meeting: