

Education and Community Outreach Committee
February 23, 2022 – 12:00 pm Central Time via Zoom

<https://utsa.zoom.us/j/9013659006>

1. **Attendance** Chad Kusko (*Lehigh University—RTMD*), Tricia Clayton (*Wakeforest University—UT Mobile Shakers*), Kurt Gurley (*University of Florida – The Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel*), Pedro Lomonaco (*Oregon State University – HWRL*), Melissa Villarreal (*University of Colorado Boulder—CONVERGE*), Scott Brandenburg (*University of California, Los Angeles—DesignSafe*), Lelli Van Den Einde (*University of California at San Diego – LHPOST*), Matt Schoettler (*University of California, Berkeley—SimCenter*), Rosalia Gomez (*University of Texas at Austin – DesignSafe*), Karina Vielma (*University of Texas at San Antonio—NCO*), Robin Nelson (*University of Texas at San Antonio—NCO*)

2. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of ECO Meeting Minutes**

3. **ECO Updates**

- Have any NHERI news stories for NCO Communications? Please contact [Marti](#) or [Cheryl Ann](#). Kurt shared that he worked with Marti, and she made it very easy!

4. **NHERI Summer Institute**

Important Dates

February 28, 2022, selection deadline

ACTION ITEM: Select 11 additional participants from the 2022 NHERI Summer Institute Selection spreadsheet considering gender, first-generation status, research focus, and site. We are looking for a diverse group of researchers. Email list or spreadsheet to Robin by February 28 (if possible).

June 1, 2022, registration deadline

ACTION ITEM: (**All NHERI reps. attending the Summer Institute must register online: https://bit.ly/2022NHERI_SummerInstituteRegistration.*)

June 20-22, 2022, Summer Institute

Report— Applications

- **81 Travel Award (in-person) applications**
- **Registered (attend online)**
 - 33 complete applications
 - 5 in progress

Questions—

- *Final itinerary- There were some changes made to the Summer Institute itinerary changes due to federal holiday. Any concerns about the changes? No objections made to the changed itinerary; however, please consider if your representative will be able to attend on Monday, June 20th (Juneteenth observed).*

The committee reviewed the Summer Institute Application list to narrow down potential candidates. An updated Summer Institute selection spreadsheet was shared via email directly after the meeting to clarify for those who could not attend.

5. **NHERI Graduate Student Council**

Important Dates

NGSC Executive Committee first Friday of the month at 11:00 am Central Time.
NGSC General Meeting's now third Friday of the month at 11:00am Central Time

Report—

- **Membership:** 195 Registered
- **January 21 NGSC General Meeting:**
 - Accepted (53)
 - Tentative (7)
 - Declined (13)
 - Didn't respond (123)

Questions—

- **Continue discussion:** *Would your site like to speak at a NHERI GSC Meeting? Please reach out if you would like to present to the NHERI GSC.*

6. NHERI REU

Important Dates

- Block 1, June 1 – August 9, 2022
- Block 2, June 13 – August 19, 2022
- NHERI REU Research Symposium at TACC: August 8-9, 2022

Report—

- **REU Applications**
 - 78 completed

Questions—

- **Continue discussion:** *Any suggestions for updates to NHERI REU Programming (i.e., DEI, guest speakers, graduate application/funding topics, etc.)? Did not discuss programming this time and plan to add it to the next meeting's agenda.*

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *Please share your REU participant selection as soon as they are selected.*

7. ACWE NHERI Panels

Report— Applications: 20 applications; 2 in progress

- REU Session – 90 minutes
 - 9 Research in-progress presentations (50 min.)
 - 11 REU panel (20 min)- JoAnn
 - 10 NGSC professional journey panel (20 min.)- Robin
- NHERI GSC Session – 90 minutes
 - 2 NHERI GSC Overview (10 min.)
 - 8 NHERI GSC research in-progress presentations (40 min.)
 - 5 Natural Hazards Professionals on Career & DEI (40 min.)- Karina

Questions—

- *Do you have any REU students or NGSC members you would like to recommend?*

ACTION ITEMS:

- *Please share the names of any REU alumni that you think would benefit from participating in the American Conference on Wind Engineering, May 17-19 with the NHERI ECO panels. Fully funded opportunity.*

8. New Business

ACTION ITEM: Please take the WhenIsGood poll for the March NHERI ECO Committee Meeting: <http://whenisgood.net/x4ddyfb>. (All times are in Central Time)

9. Adjourn