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Outline:

- Recap on some of our activities
- UEC election
- President's FY18 budget

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Who we are

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<u>Lijuan Ruan</u>	Chair	6/16 - 6/17	<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>	631-344-8028
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<u>Justin Frantz</u>	Past Chair	6/16 - 6/17	<u>Ohio University</u>	646/228-2539
<u>Megan Connors</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Georgia State University</u>	203/432-5834
<u>Brett Fadem</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Muhlenberg College</u>	484/664-3410
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<u>Agnes Mocsy</u>	Member	6/14 - 6/17	<u>Pratt Institute</u>	718/636-3764
<u>Christine Natrass</u>	Member	6/14 - 6/17	<u>University of Tennessee</u>	865/974-9020
<u>Claudia Ratti</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>University of Houston</u>	
<u>Sevil Salur</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Rutgers University</u>	848/445-8784
<u>Bjoern Schenke</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>	631-344-5805
<u>Bernd Surrow</u>	Member	6/15 - 6/18	<u>Temple University</u>	631-344-3544
<u>Christina Swinson</u>	Member	6/14 - 6/17	<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>	631-344-4021
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<u>Stephen Trentalange</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>University of California @ Los Angeles</u>	310/794-4259
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<u>Peter Petreczky</u>	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>	631 344-3890
<u>Matthew Posik</u>	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	<u>Temple University</u>	732/822-0131
<u>Doon Gibbs</u>	Ex-Officio Member		<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>	631-344-4063
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<u>Timothy Rinn</u>	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/16 - 6/17	<u>Iowa State University</u>	630/677-2590

Our mission

We represent the interests of the RHIC users within the lab. We provide a line of contact between users and lab management

We work on

- Quality of Life Issues (Food, Housing, Daycare, Transportation)
- Media, Comm., and Outreach
- Site Access
- Funding and Politics
- Diversity

Generally we try to serve the interests of the users and the field in whatever way is most needed (including lobbying for the interests of RHIC and the wider Nuclear Science Community)

What we did

UEC met every month, 2 hours discussion each time

We invited Ferdinand Willeke, Thomas Roser, Berndt Mueller to our meetings

Chairs met with Amy Nunziata and others monthly to discuss QOL related issue

We organized the RHIC and AGS Open Forum Meeting at DNP

We organized the RHIC and AGS Annual Users Meeting

We organized the trip to DC for nuclear physics DC day to lobby congressional people

Quality of Life

The discussion with Amy

led to the second mini-market opening at NSLS-II,

led to realization of a lactation room in physics building.

A lot of discussion on day care, in close communication with BNL Parent Committee. however, BNL announced the closure of onsite daycare in April. We are trying to unite other uses group at LAB and to find out whether or not to approach DOE. This gets a bit delayed because of DC day on May 22nd and the devastating President's FY18 budget.

BNL Parent Committee is working with Lab Director Doon closely, trying to get the day care back to BNL. We will pass the survey once it is ready.

Housing is always a concern and we are discussing with Amy and her team on July 10th again for a possible improvement. Your feedback is very much appreciated. Send an email to ruan@bnl.gov.

Nuclear Physics DC Day on May 22

2013: 64 Delegates, RHIC 33, FRIB 24, JLAB 7

2014: 55 Delegates, RHIC 21, FRIB 25, JLAB 9

2015: 62 Delegates, RHIC 25, FRIB 22, JLAB 15

2016: 75 Delegates, RHIC 27, FRIB 24, JLAB 24

2017: about 100 delegates from nuclear physics including fundamental symmetry.

We had 31 delegates including 6 ph.d students covering 17 states:

Thank you for all the help!

Our Ask:

- 1) Oppose cuts to the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science budget.
- 2) Support “modest growth” funding for the DOE Nuclear Physics program consistent with the recommendations of the 2015 DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee Long Range Plan.

	FY 16 Enacted	FY 17 request	FY 17 Enacted	FY18 “Skinny Budget” Request	FY 18 NSAC Modest growth scenario*
Department of Energy (DOE)	\$29.6 B	\$32.5 B	\$30.8 B	\$28.0	N/A
Office of Science (SC)	\$5.34 B	\$5.67 B	\$5.39 B	~ \$4.44 B	N/A
Nuclear Physics	\$617.1M	\$635.7M	\$622M	?	\$646M

*(FY 2017 enacted +CPI+1.6%)

Diversity

On behalf of the Physics Department Diversity Committee at BNL

Dear Colleagues,

The Physics Department Diversity Committee has established the Leona Woods Distinguished Postdoctoral Lectureship Award. Woods was a nuclear physicist who worked on the Manhattan project. She was affiliated with BNL in various roles from 1958-1962, and led a distinguished career.

More information about Woods and the award can be found at <http://leonawoodsbnl.phy.bnl.gov>.

This lectureship will celebrate the accomplishments of female physicists as well as physicists from underrepresented minorities by bringing rising young stars to BNL for a period of a week or more to interact with members of the physics department, and culminate in presentations of both a technical talk and a Leona Woods Departmental Lecture.

This is a great opportunity for the entire department to broaden our professional networks, and hear some terrific talks.

Peter Steinberg will chair the lectureship committee and all department members should feel free to suggest names to him, and to encourage young colleagues outside BNL to apply, or to nominate their postdocs for the prize.

Eligible candidates should be within 7 years of receiving their Ph.D. and work in an area of interest to the BNL Physics Department.

Thanks for your support,
Elke Aschenauer, Michael Begel, Sally Dawson, Dave Morrison, Peter Steinberg, Raju Venugopalan

DNP nominations from RHIC

Hi Jim, Lijuan, Justin,

This year I am on the DNP nominating committee. The deadline for nominations is July 1. The RHIC community has a bad reputation in the DNP for not being active. Given the current climate I think it would be good if we made an attempt to be more visible to other Nuclear physicists and everyone in general. To this end it would be good if we had HI/Spin people stand for election to the DNP Committee. The other groups FRIB, JLab etc seem to have a coordinated effort such that their groups collectively nominate someone who is already willing to stand. As far as I know RHIC has never done this and maybe this is the year to start? That's why I am writing to you as the UEC Chairs. You seem like the perfect group to start this since you have a connection to the whole field not just one experiment. To be guaranteed a spot on the ballot a person needs 55 nominations, to be "considered" for a spot on the ballot 22 nominations are needed. So it does take a concerted effort. The nomination deadline is July 1. Maybe this is something that could be discussed by the UEC and/or at the Users meeting.

Helen

Departing members:

Justin Frantz, Ohio University

Agnes Mocsy, Pratt Institute

Christine Nattrass, University of Tennessee

Christine Swinson, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Kathryn Meehan, University of California@Davis

Jacquelyn Noronha-Hostler, University of Houston

Timothy Rinn, Iowa State University

Thank you very much!

Congratulations!

Chair Elect

Rosi Reed from Lehigh University



Congratulations!

General members:

Justin Frantz, Ohio University

Jacquelyn Noronha-Hostler, University of Houston

Tony Flawley, Florida State University



Congratulations!

Student/postdoc members:

James Daniel Brandenburg, Rice University

Alexander Jentch, UT Austin

Li Yi, Yale University



Service Recognition

RHIC/AGS Users' Executive Committee

Recognition Award

is presented to

Justin Frantz

on this, the twenty-third day of June, two thousand seventeen

The RHIC/AGS Users' Executive Committee recognizes Justin Frantz for his active promotion of diversity at Brookhaven National Laboratory and in our community.

Lijuan Ruan, UEC Chair, on behalf of the RHIC/
AGS Users' Executive Committee



users' center

Final Thanks

Kelly Guiffreda

Teri Lazar

Kathy Nasta

Angela Melocoton

Amanda Satterley

Thank you for all the help every year with the AUM!!!

Also thanks so much to AUM organizers

Jim Thomas

DOE Budget Feedback and Outreach



The 2017 RHIC/AGS
Annual Users' Meeting

AUM 2017 Friday Plenary Discussion
The UEC

2017 FY18 DOE Presidential Budget Request Response: NP

- Since release of Trump Budget Request, we have been pursuing strategy of working with other groups in NP - unified reactions. Current agreement is each group can/will pursue our own responses, but be sure to advocate primarily for all NP and Office of Science more generally.
- We expect DNP to organize something more global eventually, possibly at APS level. Talk to LHC folks sounds like DPF is at similar stage. Mid-July?
 - We think DNP EC has sent letters to Chairs of Congressional Appropriations Committees (AC) ~a couple weeks ago.
 - Letter on behalf of US LHC HI program sent to AC this past Wednesday by Harris, Cole, Bolek W., etc...

2017 FY18 DOE Presidential Budget Request Response: RHIC UEC

- Already started:
 - 1) UEC Congressional letter writing and CALLING campaign
 - 2) Petition: **please sign!**
 - 3) Collection of questionnaire/feedback data
 - All of the above on rhicusers.blogspot.com - will continue promoting these activities for ~next few weeks
- Still to do:
 - Several signs from yesterday: **quickly send letter to AC's (~today—mostly based on petition text)**
 - Tim yesterday: longer timescale : send letter to Acting Director of Office of Science, expressing disapproval of aspects of strategy? (The “constraints”)
 - Stay tuned, ask that Users do the same, and communicate further actions (e.g. by APS) to Users as necessary.
 - Reconsider strategies when Congressional “marks” are released.
 - Next Year: Be prepared to do it all again, and again the next year, ...

Back up

https://rhicusers.blogspot.com

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'https://rhicusers.blogspot.com'. The page title is 'RHIC Users Blog For RHIC, AGS, ATF, NSRL and future eRHIC users'. The main content area features a post titled '2017 Budget Proposal Response' with the subtitle 'RHIC Users DOE Budget Feedback and Outreach'. The post text includes a paragraph about the initial budget proposal and a list of ways to help, such as writing congressional representatives. A blue arrow points from the text 'How to find your Congresspersons' to the sub-point 'a) Find your congressional representatives by zipcode here:'. Another blue arrow points from the text 'Suggested Text for Letters' to the 'Letter Template' section. The footer contains a notice from the House of Representatives dated June, XX, 2017.

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OUTSIDE
PLENARY
SESSION!!!
(Print letters/
send...etc)**

**How to find your
Congresspersons**

Suggested Text for Letters

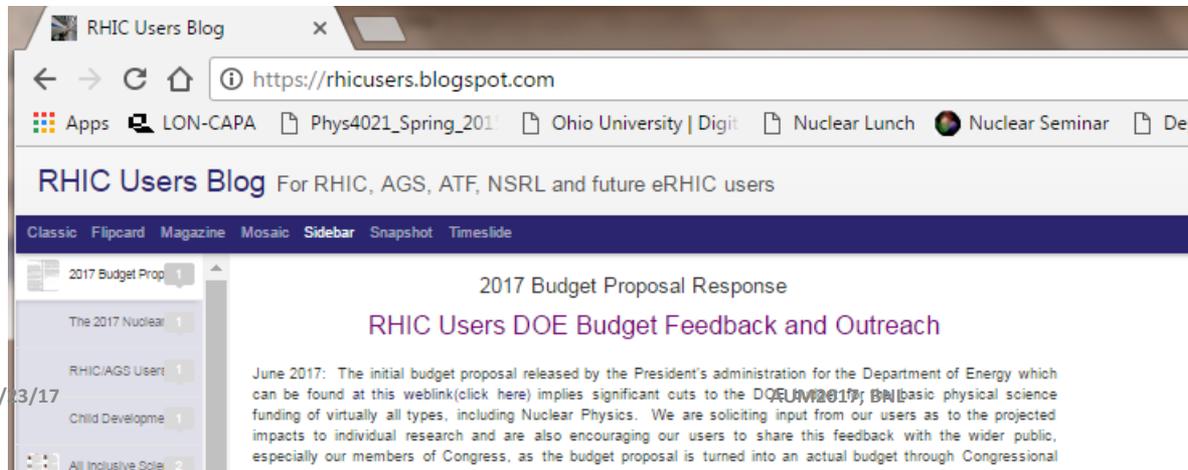
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NEW: Read and sign petition!!!

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2017 DOE Presidential Budget Request

- Substantial Changes!!!
 - Funding cuts: (Compare to LRP 1.6% modest growth scenario)
 - DOE Office of Science Cut by 17% NP also 17%
 - NP Research Funding Cut 42%
 - RHIC Spin Program/US LHC Heavy Ion Program Cut
 - Good News (Nuclear DC Day) Congress expected to restore budgets during conversion of Request into real budget
 - This process will start sometime in July
- Looking for your feedback: We need to communicate User reaction to Budget Decisions to Lab/DOE/Fed.Govt
- Outreach important!
 - Write Congress!
 - <https://rhicusers.blogspot.com>