

**MEETING MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF THE
SURA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SURA RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Thomas Executive Center
Duke University
Durham, NC
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
March 10, 2010**

Members
attending

Curt Peterson (Acting Chair, WVU), Dennis Manos (CWM), John Mason (Auburn)

Others
attending

Greg Kubiak (SURA), Russell Moy (SURA), Ken Newbold (JMU), Michael Klopff (JLab)

1:05 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Curt Peterson, Development Committee Acting Chair, and meeting participants were introduced.

Russell Moy led a discussion on the management and operations of federal science facilities. He mentioned the SURA's status as a university consortium managing a GOCO, FFRDC, Science laboratory is similar to URA (Fermilab), UCAR (NCAR), AURA (NOAO), and AUI (NRAO). He presented a copy of a recent National Science Board resolution directing the NSF to recomplete all expiring awards, along with a list of NSF sponsored research infrastructure. Some, but not all, of NSF's infrastructure facilities are located on university campuses, and this could affect the competitiveness of a proposal from SURA and its member universities. Information from recent NSB meetings, including the process and scheduling for the proposal of new and renewing infrastructure facilities was also presented.

Michael Klopff a staff scientist from the JLab FEL Laboratory gave a presentation to the group on photon science user facilities at the Jefferson Lab. His presentation described the features of the six laser and terahertz laboratories in the FEL facility, as well as the JLab proposal for the next generation JLamp facility. The FEL facility was funded primarily from the Office of Naval Research.

Much of the FEL availability is currently dedicated to Navy projects. Terahertz availability is not reserved for Navy use.

The JLamp proposal is expected to be reviewed by April 2010, and if approved, would progress to the "CD0" step of critical design review. If JLamp is ultimately funded, it would provide new resources for researchers in material science, chemistry, and biology.

Russell Moy gave a presentation on the meeting of SURA and JLab representatives with the Department of Homeland Security Office of National Laboratories. JLab's terahertz, nanotechnology, and detector technologies and facilities were of particular interest to DHS. JLab and SURA staff have made contact with collaborators for these projects as directed by DHS.

David Ernst presented two possible projects and one possible administrative area for collaboration between the National Association of Hispanic Physicists (NSHP) with SURA. This is a follow on discussion to his presentation to the group last fall.

The two projects involved the hosting of a physics conference for minority students and the administration of NSF sponsorship of physics students at a science conference. The administrative collaboration involved SURA logistical support for financial and grant administration assistance for NSHP projects. He pointed out that other organizations were under consideration in addition to SURA and that because of his leadership role in SURA, Dara Norman from NOAO would be lead the discussions with SURA. Any SURA involvement with these projects would be 'budget neutral' for SURA.

David Ernst left the room after his presentation and the group had some further discussion. All Development Committee/Relations Committee members present agreed increasing minority involvement in the science, particularly physics was important and to recommend that Jerry Draayer be authorized to continue discussions on behalf of SURA with NSHP regarding the possible projects and collaboration, with any actual proposals would be subject to SURA Board approval.

Russell Moy presented an update on the possible collaborations with Savannah River National Lab. A meeting between SURA/UGa/DOE, was originally scheduled for February has been rescheduled for March 16.

Russell Moy presented a review of research programs at DOE and highlighted an upcoming FY2011 solicitation for Energy Frontier Research Centers to focus on Basic Research Needs and on New Materials. Development Committee members will be polled to identify common areas of collaboration that could be the basis of a joint proposal submission coordinated by SURA.

Greg Kubiak presented the SURA Relations Committee briefing. He addressed three topics:

1. Review of SURA briefing materials for FY11
2. Review of FY11 Funding for Key Research Agencies for both federal and VA agencies.
3. SURA Distinguished Service Awards, including the process for selecting the awards and the upcoming solicitation for the Distinguished Friend of Science award that is to be presented at the Fall meeting.

4:45 p.m.

The Chairman polled the committee members for new business. No new items were identified and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.