

NHERI Council Monthly Meeting No. 1 in Y-5
July 2, 2020, 2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT

NHERI Council Summer 2020 Meetings

Topic: NHERI Council Summer 2020

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Attending:

- Oregon State University: Dan Cox (EF Dir.) and Pedro Lomonaco (Fac. Dir.) Hinsdale
- University of California, Berkeley: Sanjay Govindjee (Co-Dir.), and Matt Schoettler (Assoc. Dir. – Ops), Stanford University: Greg Deierlein (Co-Dir), SimCenter
- University of California, Davis: Ross Boulanger (EF Dir) CGM
- University of California, San Diego: Joel Conte (EF Dir., Council Chair) LHPOST
- University of Colorado Boulder: Lori Peek (Dir., CONVERGE)
- University of Florida: Forrest Masters (EF Dir.) and Jennifer Bridge (EF Dep. Dir.) Powell Lab
- University of Texas at Austin: Ellen Rathje (CI Dir.) (DesignSafe-CI)
- University of Texas at Austin: Ken Stokoe (EF Dir.) Texas Mobile Equipment Facility
- University of Washington: Jeff Berman (CoPI and Fac. Manager) RAPID
- National Science Foundation: Joy Pauschke (Prog. Dir, NHERI)
- Purdue University: Julio Ramirez (NCO Dir., Council Secretary), and Dan Zehner (NCO Sch./Ops. Coord.)
- Florida International University: Arindam Chowdhury (EF Dir., Council Vice-Chair), WOW
- Lehigh University: Jim Ricles (EF Dir.), ATLSS

Minutes

1. Attendance (see previous page)
2. Review and Approval of Minutes (previously distributed by e-mail) of Meeting No. 12 (6/4/2020) in Y-4 (Conte)

Minutes were approved as distributed. Sanjay moved and Lori seconded the motion. There were no dissenters.

Approved Minutes are posted at: <https://www.designsafe-ci.org/facilities/nco/governance/nheri-council/>

3. Continuing Business

a) COVID-19 Facility Status (All)

Joel reported that UCSD's upgrade continues without any further delay (6 weeks delay due to COVID-19). Jim Ricles indicated that Lehigh was back doing research under strict safety requirements to maintain a safe operating environment. However, external researchers are not allowed to participate in person yet. Lori briefed the Council on the release of the IRB training modules, and CONVERGE is operating remotely. She also noted that the Natural Hazards Workshop is scheduled to start on July 12 with full online participation as well as the Researchers Meeting following the workshop conclusion. Jeff Berman reported that the RAPID is attending to requests for equipment and shipping it. No RAPID staff is allowed to go to the field. He also noted that they are not prepositioning equipment, but attending request and shipping within 24 hours. Ellen indicated that DesignSafe is operating under a no cost-extension beyond the end of the current award. She also noted that their operations were not affected by COVID related disruptions, but the staff is operating remotely. Ken reported that the Texas Mobile Testing Equipment has been able to operate locally -- thanks to the cooperation of the City of Austin that provided access to a field site near the Pickle Laboratory to continue a couple of research projects.

Dan Cox indicated that the OSU facility was operating under very strict conditions to maintain a safe environment. They can host external researchers. Univ. of Florida is also able to operate and run projects for external researchers who wish to operate remotely. Sanjay noted that the SimCenter is operating remotely including training activities. Greg Deierlein also indicated that the SimCenter would welcome comments on the report: *State-of-the-Art in Computational Simulation for Natural Hazards Engineering (Report 2019-01)* that can be accessed at:

<https://simcenter.designsafe-ci.org/knowledge-hub/simcenter-reports/>

Julio provided an update on the Governance groups that continue to operate remotely in the COVID environment. He also noted that a number of in-person educational and outreach activities had either been postponed or gone remotely if this option was feasible given the activity. Arindam indicated that FIU WOW EF started operations under safety rules and is conducting research projects. A virtual WOW-SimCenter joint user workshop is planned for August 2020.

b) NHERI participation at the Structures Congress (Joe Wartman, Dan Cox)



Jeff updated the Council on the plans for a RAPID workshop either during the SEI Congress or before or after. A joint workshop focused on RAPID and Data with DesignSafe is also a possibility. He also indicated that the RAPID facility would be able to support the NCO in staffing the NHERI

Booth during the SEI Congress. Sanjay mentioned that EMI next year would be a good venue for a joint SimCenter and DesignSafe workshop. He will organize a call to begin planning for the possible joint activity.

4. New Business

a) NSF Items (Joy Pauschke)

The current status of NSF is working remotely. The NSF building is closed. The status will remain until September 30th. All panels are being held virtually as well. The opening for NSF Director in the Geotech area is likely to be filled by the end of the summer. NSF advised the NHERI facilities to encourage users and participants at workshops to write and submit proposals to NSF.

b) To a question from Greg Deierlein about the NSF-NIST Initiative, Joy responded that projects funded by NIST but which are part of this initiative will be able to use the NHERI facilities as regular NSF projects. The NCO will release a news item about the joint NIST/NSF solicitation calling for proposals on the topic of resilience, and encourage the community to write proposals and consider the use of NHERI facilities and the NHERI Science Plan in their proposal development efforts.

Action Item: Provide an update to the Council at the next meeting on the status of the NHERI Impact Publication.

5. Next Meeting- **Aug 6, 2020; 2:00-3:00 PM (EDT)**

6. Adjourn: [Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM EDT](#)