

DPF Executive Committee Meeting

October 29, 2007

Attending: Dan Amidei, Bob Cahn, Andy Cohen, Cecilia Gerber, Al Goshaw, John Jaros, Boris Kayser, Andreas Kronfeld, Jack Ritchie and Natalie Roe

Regrets: Sarah Eno and Joe Lykken

Agenda and minutes

1. Site selection and dates for DPF2009 Meeting

* Proposals were received from:

Fermilab, University of South Carolina and Wayne State University

* The merits of each were discussed and compared. There was consensus that the Wayne State proposal was the best one for DPF2009. This was based upon:

1. The organization and planning presented in the proposal
2. The enthusiasm of the proponents
3. Good conference facilities, allowing seating for up to 700 people for the plenary sessions and 12 conference rooms for parallel sessions.
4. Options of low cost (\$30/day) housing on campus.

* Based upon the dates set for EPS2009 (July 16-22) and LP2009 (August 17-22), it was proposed that DPF2009 should be scheduled between these conferences (~early August).

ACTION ITEM: Natalie will contact the 3 institutions informing them of the decision.

2. Future DPF meetings

* There was a discussion of future DPF meetings with the general plan:

DPF2008 joint with APS in St Louis

DPF2009 at Wayne State

DPF2010 joint with APS in Washington DC

DPF2011 stand-alone DPF at ?

2. Discussion of program for DPF2008

* Boris circulated the draft plan for talks. 25 invitations have been sent out.

* Natalie circulated a message with the DPF theme:

"A New Era for US Particle Physics"

The US particle physics community will be going through a transition of historic proportions in the next few years as the successful and productive US-based accelerator programs at the Fermilab Tevatron, the SLAC B Factory and CESR at Cornell come to an end. Many US physicists will work abroad on experiments at the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, Switzerland, while others embark on a new generation of experiments on neutrinos, dark matter and dark energy, or work on R&D towards future projects such as the International Linear Collider.

* The EC provided suggestions for speakers for the session on American particle physics in the coming era:

- The US role in the LHC program
- The US role in the global ILC effort

- Exploring open neutrino questions
 - DUSEL and its physics program
 - The US cosmology program
 - Flavor physics and what it can teach us.
- * A Town Hall Meeting with a panel discussion will follow the sessions on American particle physics.. Some names were proposed for members of the panel, with encouragement to include young scientists.
- * There will be 2 invited sessions on “The LHC/ILC era” and “Future accelerator facilities”.

ACTION ITEM: send names to Natalie for the panel members.

END Minutes

Al Goshaw