



Funding, Politics, Programmatics

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Housing update

- ❖ Draft survey written, based on 2006
- ❖ Housing has also come up in the BNL council (according to Thomas Ullrich, private communication)
 - ❖ Lanny Bates spoke in a recent meeting
 - ❖ Concern by the council on what DOE thinks of this
 - ❖ Clearly they aren't keeping up with the UECs' discussions!
 - ❖ Might be worth a more formal discussion with them, since they are an elected body at BNL

Draft Housing Survey

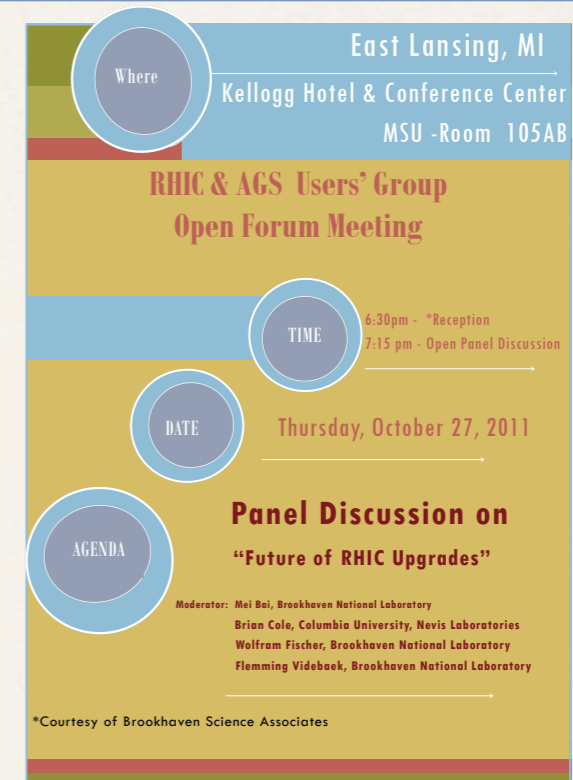
Housing survey proposal

Based on 2006 survey, modified by Peter Steinberg

1. Main affiliation
 - RHIC
 - CFN
 - NSLS/NSLS II
2. Your current position
 - undergraduate student
 - graduate student
 - post-doc
 - faculty
 - laboratory staff scientist
 - academic research scientist
 - industrial research scientist
 - other professional
3. Your gender
 - male
 - female
4. How many days per year do you stay on site?
 - less than 5 days
 - less than 10 days
 - 10 to 30 days
 - 30 to 50 days
 - 50 to 100 days
 - more than 100
5. How many trips to BNL do you make per year?
 - less than 3
 - 3 to 5
 - 5 to 10
 - more than 10
6. Which housing facilities on site have you used in the past, and how often (1-4, 4 being most often)?
 - Lab housing (1-4)
 - Guest house (1-4)
 - Efficiencies (1-4)
 - Dorms (1-4)
 - Cottages (1-4)
7. During what seasons do you typically visit BNL
 - Winter
 - Spring
 - Summer
 - Fall
8. Average length of stay
 - A few days
 - 1 Week
 - 2 Weeks
 - 1 Month
 - More than a month
9. During the past year have you been turned down for housing?
 - No
 - Rarely
 - Occasionally
 - Often
10. Have you had to change your travel or work plans because you were unable to secure a housing reservation at BNL?
 - No
 - Rarely
 - Occasionally
 - Often
11. Have you ever had trouble making a housing reservation at BNL?
 - No
 - Rarely
 - Occasionally
 - Often
12. If you stay in the dorms, do you think the price (\$37?) is reasonable?
 - Yes
 - Too high
 - Too low (i.e. you would pay more for better service)
 - Never used the dorm
13. If you stay in the apartments, do you think the price is reasonable?
 - Yes
 - Too high
 - Too low (i.e. you would pay more for better service)
 - Never used them
14. If you stayed in the cottages, did you think the price was reasonable?
 - Yes
 - Too high
 - Too low (i.e. you would pay more for better service)
 - Never used them
15. Does the quality of the dorm rooms match what you expect for that kind of housing?
 - Yes
 - No
16. Does the quality of the apartments rooms match what you expect for that kind of housing?
 - Yes
 - No
17. Did the quality of the cottages rooms match what you expect for that kind of housing?
 - Yes
 - No
18. If BNL were to build new dorm-style housing, would you prefer that there are separate hallways for each gender?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Don't care
19. Would you want to see dorm housing with shared rooms?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Don't care
20. Should BNL renovate apartments or build new ones?
 - Renovate old ones
 - Build new ones
 - Never stayed in the apartments
21. If BNL provided higher quality dorm rooms (say with TV's) but still with shared bathrooms and kitchens, would you use them?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Don't care
22. How much would you be willing to pay for higher quality dorm-style rooms?
 - \$40
 - \$50
 - \$60
 - \$70
23. If there were higher-quality hotel-style rooms at BNL, would you use them?
 - Yes
 - No
24. What is the maximum you would be willing to pay for them?
 - \$70
 - \$80
 - \$90
 - \$100
 - \$110

Upcoming activities

- ❖ DNP Forum - October - Mei has organized
- ❖ USA Science & Engineering festival - October
- ❖ Winter open forum at BNL
- ❖ NUFO Science Exhibition - April
- ❖ Susan has distributed the climate assessment
- ❖ NSF/NIST cuts require community action - email blast sent out
 - ❖ I have learned that RHIC users cannot unsubscribe :)
- ❖ Still planning on organizing congressional visits for early spring
 - ❖ Or December? Do schedules permit?



Future open meetings?

- ❖ Today: Karen McNulty Walsh, CEGPA
 - ❖ We need to work productively w/ BNL communications to explain our science to the outside world!
- ❖ Future possibilities?
 - ❖ Sam Aronson/Doon Gibbs - BNL science strategy?
 - ❖ Lanny Bates - Facilities & operations
 - ❖ Jeff Swenson - Staff services
 - ❖ Joint meeting with CFN & NSLS to discuss common issues
 - ❖ Nayyarson's - Food
 - ❖ Tom Schlegel - IT security @ BNL
 - ❖ Randy Biegelman - Counterintelligence

Questions for Karen Walsh?

- ❖ How is BNL doing in the media compared with other labs?
- ❖ How is RHIC doing in the media compared to other parts of BNL?
 - ❖ How is the LHC phenomenon affecting keeping RHIC in the media?
- ❖ How is physics doing generally?
- ❖ How can we clarify the connection between outreach and tangible benefits to the research?
- ❖ How should scientists interact with reporters
 - ❖ Direct? via CEGPA?
- ❖ When is the next RHIC press release? What is in the pipeline?