



Funding, Politics, Programmatic

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Housing survey update

- ❖ After last meeting with input from RHIC UEC, “Draft 3” created
- ❖ Distributed earlier this week to CFN & NSLS UEC Chairs, as well as BNL Council
 - ❖ According to Thomas Ullrich, BNL council is trying to take a distinct position, since they represent BNL scientists, not outside users
 - ❖ Even they acknowledge the impact on people’s efficiency, safety, and travel budgets by being forced off-site
- ❖ No changes suggested so far
- ❖ Will distribute to Doon Gibbs’ office today, in preparation for a UEC Chairs meeting on Monday

Draft 3 Housing Survey

Housing survey proposal

1. What is your primary affiliation at BNL?
 - a. RHIC
 - b. CFN
 - c. NSLS/NSLS II
 - d. other
2. What is your current position?
 - a. undergraduate student
 - b. graduate student
 - c. post-doc
 - d. faculty
 - e. laboratory staff scientist
 - f. academic research scientist
 - g. industrial research scientist
 - h. other professional
3. If applicable, are you responsible for your group's grant or travel budget?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. What is your gender?
 - a. male
 - b. female
5. How many days per year do you stay on site?
 - a. less than 5 days
 - b. less than 10 days
 - c. 10 to 30 days
 - d. 30 to 50 days
 - e. 50 to 100 days
 - f. more than 100
6. How many trips to BNL do you make per year?
 - a. less than 3
 - b. 3 to 5
 - c. 5 to 10
 - d. more than 10
7. How long do you stay at BNL, on average?
 - a. A few days
 - b. 1 Week
 - c. 2 Weeks
 - d. 1 Month
 - e. More than a month
8. Which housing facilities on site have you used in the past, and how often (1-4, 4 being most often)?
 - a. Lab housing (Never used, 1-4)
 - b. Guest house (Never used, 1-4)
 - c. Efficiencies (Never used, 1-4)
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9. During what seasons do you typically visit BNL? (pick all that apply)
- a. Winter
 - b. Spring
 - c. Summer
 - d. Fall
10. Have you ever had trouble making a housing reservation at BNL?
- a. No
 - b. Rarely
 - c. Occasionally
 - d. Often
11. During the past year have you been turned down for housing?
- a. No
 - b. Rarely
 - c. Occasionally
 - d. Often
12. Have you had to change your travel or work plans because you were unable to secure a housing reservation at BNL?
- a. No
 - b. Rarely
 - c. Occasionally
 - d. Often
13. If you stay in the dorms, do you think the price (\$40) is reasonable?
- a. Yes
 - b. Too high
 - c. Too low (i.e. you would pay more for better service)
 - d. Never used the dorm
14. If you stay in the apartments, do you think the price is reasonable?
- a. Yes
 - b. Too high
 - c. Too low (i.e. you would pay more for better service)
 - d. Never used them
15. Does the quality of the dorm rooms match what you expect for that kind of housing?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
16. Does the quality of the apartment rooms match what you expect for that kind of housing?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
17. If you have stayed at other national laboratory facilities, how does BNL compare?
- a. Better
 - b. The same
 - c. Worse
 - d. I have not stayed at other labs
18. When you visit BNL and stay on-site, do you need a car?
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 - No
19. If you do not have your own car, does your experimental group have a car you can use?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't need a car
20. If you were required to stay offsite, would you be able to rent a car for the length of your stay?
- Yes
 - No
21. Would a small on-site shop selling basic food and supplies substantially improve your stay at BNL?
- Yes
 - No
22. If new dorm-style housing was to be built at BNL, would you prefer that there are separate hallways for men and women?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't care
23. If new dorm-style housing was built at BNL, would you like to have separate buildings for men and women?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't care
24. Would you want to see dorm housing with shared rooms (to reduce costs per person)?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't care
25. 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
26. How much would you be willing to pay for higher quality dorm-style rooms?
- \$50
 - \$60
 - \$70
 - \$80
27. If there were higher-quality hotel-style rooms at BNL with hotel prices, would you use them?
- Yes
 - No
28. Should BNL renovate the on-site apartments or build new ones?
- Renovate old ones
 - Build new ones
 - Both a. and b.
 - Never stayed in the apartments
29. If BNL drastically reduced or eliminated on-site housing, would it affect your ability to work at BNL?
- Not at all
 - A little
 - Significantly
 - I would no longer be able to work at BNL

Please add comments below:

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Upcoming activities, open issues

- ❖ DNP Forum - Christine will present on this
- ❖ Winter open forum at BNL
 - ❖ What should be the topic?
 - ❖ We did housing last year (i.e. Lanny Bates)
- ❖ Paul Doucette contacted about congressional visit later this year
- ❖ Need to start getting date and topic for RHIC / AGS Users Meeting
 - ❖ Mei will be organizing
- ❖ Climate Assessment being assimilated by BNL community
- ❖ Film crew coming to interview BNL scientists for a video for the National Academy of Science Decadal review of Nuclear Physics



Future open meetings?

- ❖ Today: hoped to get Tom Schlegel to speak on cyber security but he is out of town.
- ❖ Future options
 - ❖ Sam Aronson/Doon Gibbs
 - ❖ 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
- ❖ Next meeting:
 - ❖ Lanny Bates, if we have housing survey results?
 - ❖ Schlegel? Biegelman?

Discussion

- ❖ Are we missing obvious issues pertaining to RHIC users and their ability to function at BNL?
- ❖ Housing is a major focus of last few months (and frankly, it deserves the attention)
- ❖ What about general issues of site safety (e.g. lighting near the apartments)?
- ❖ Can we brainstorm about other issues the UEC can look into?

Inside RHIC brainstorming

- ❖ Since last meeting, there has been progress, mainly from John Haggerty and Anne (and me a bit) brainstorming
- ❖ Upcoming articles include:
 - ❖ Steve Vigdor - update on NP issues, funding, RHIC run
 - ❖ Gregg Marr (CAD) on Run 11
 - ❖ Michiko Minty on RHIC instrumentation
 - ❖ Takao Sakaguchi on his Rutherford talk
 - ❖ Rachid Nouicer on the PHENIX VTX detector
 - ❖ Helen Caines on STAR jets (email John back!)
 - ❖ Paul Sorensen on the correlations workshop (early Oct)
- ❖ Other ideas / requests from this group?