

Notes on AAAC/Grants telecon of 22 October 2014

Todd will take minutes; Note: Minutes from last time OK.

Prisca C, Todd H, Angela O, Jim W, Arik P, Glen W, Brad P, Jonathan R, Linda S attended.

Prisca led a review of wiki changes

Mission Statement: Prisca has tweaked it. People are generally happy with it.

One comment: Have funding levels really decreased? It is a concern, even if not universally true. Planetary has actually increased the \$ availability, but demand has gone up faster. Glen echoes that \$ have gone up, but proposals have increased. Heliophysics real \$ pretty constant, success rates lower. May need further adjustment of language

Wiki has been reorganized per previous plan. Discussion let by Prisca.

Questions/Brainstorm page – please feel free to add to the page
Solutions – similarly. There are currently 4 ideas listed, but this may change
A page was created for each agency relationship – PLEASE UPDATE

Note for Planetary: G. Marcy needs to be invited by Jim Buckley to participate in this committee. Jonathan K – Bill McKinnon may be good as well. Jim B will talk with other folks, in any case, but also as plan B if Marcy cannot
Top level Resources page has things of general interest

Looking at specific agency pages:

Skeleton in place for all.

Cosmic Frontier has been filled out a little more (thank you Prisca)

Prisca reviewed top level categories, good to mimic for all agency pages.

Elements need work from both committee and agency reps

Certainly OK to add sub-categories for individual groups as needed

Note there are agency specific resource pages where material can and should be collected

If we need to add general categories for all, let Prisca know

Back to Questions/Brainstorm page:

Some questions have been marked with agency initials (currently just DOE); **this should be done by each group/agency.** The questions so marked are the ones where the agency reps feel that they can reasonably provide information needed to answer the questions. The appropriate questions can then be copied to the agency specific question sub-page as appropriate for further work.

Angela: How do we track other data/info that we do receive or already have? E.g. DOE talk (Glenn pg 10) has explanation of some trade-offs. Where does that get tracked?

We should add subsections or new things to the brainstorm page and to agency pages as well.

Discussion of what agencies may be able to provide:

Brad's topic from agenda: Are there too many mouths to feed? Has a list of questions. [Not unlike list of brainstorm questions, but perhaps more focused].

One response: Astrophysics (Linda): Some information is available publicly, other things are not – either

because of availability, man-power, or privacy. E.g. list of funded institutions is relatively simple, but details of unfunded proposals are not available; lists of funded coI's not available or only after much work. In some cases can give ranges, but not exact numbers. The group needs to be sensitive to what can be done and what we actually need.

ACTION: Need to capture similar information from other agencies, but can be done individually rather than in whole group.

Noted: Reporting styles are different in sub-disciplines even at same agency.

How can we make progress going forward?

Committee and agency folks need to look at questions and make determination of what can be done. Some data are already available and should be collected now – no need to wait. NSF has already generated a lot, so have some parts of NASA. Start collecting now, put on agency-specific resource pages as things become available.

Who is working on demographic information? AAS/Joel has volunteered to help. Maybe best to start by asking what data are available from AAS. **Prisca volunteered to make contact with Joel P.** Info can be put on the wiki when we know something.

Presentation at AAAC coming up November 17 – what topics should we raise?

Next telecon – November 7 ?? Doodle poll. **Each agency page should have some info by that point.** Want to meet enough in advance of AAAC meeting that progress can be noted.