

Meeting Date: September 14, 2020

Participants: Jay Alameda, Rosalia Gomez, Aaron Weeden

Notes:

1. Tapia 2020, Sept 15-18. John Holly and Linda Akli did a great job setting up the Tapia 2020 virtual exhibit booth for XSEDE last week. Rosie shared her screen so that others could experience what attendees will see this week. Feedback for consideration: Videos - Move up "Discover more with XSEDE" to the top of the list. Visitors tend to click on links in the order they are listed; Add EMPOWER video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDdQ54gctV>; Perhaps add EMPOWER to the websites banner, next to Advanced Computing for Social Change Institute; Job vacancies – TACC's postings = 1 position each.
2. Program Update
  - a. XSEDE EMPOWER - Application reviews were completed at the end of August for Fall 2020. 53 applications were received, 21 students were accepted. All students confirmed their participation. Of the applications received, 38% female and 26% URM. Of those accepted, 57% identify as female or URM. Breakdown: 33% female and 23% URM. More students applied for Fall 2020 than in previous Fall semesters. Application Deadline for Spring is October 30th. There was a discussion about identifying students that apply to more than one XSEDE programs and cross-promoting XSEDE student programs. We will be adding a question to our student applications that asks students to select the XSEDE program(s) that they have participated in. Lastly, Aaron will be submitting a proposal to give a short talk at SC20 about best practices on hpc training and student engagement, EMPOWER impact stories, etc. Later corrected.
  - b. C4C/ACSC- Of the 22 awardees selected for C4C 2020, 55% are women, 36% computer science majors, 50% first-generation college students, and 73% underrepresented minority students (update since our call). We confirmed participation from ACSC 2020 peer mentors + 4-5 new mentors for C4C. Changes since ACSC: earlier deadlines/training, earlier event start date (possibly 11/13- waiting on pre survey data). Rosie to connect with Jay and BP group to schedule Intro to XSEDE Training/R Studio.
  - c. International HPC School - no updates since our last call. Committee is meeting again next week to discuss plans for Summer 2021. They will consider a virtual program and XSEDE BP virtual program best practices, including use of peer and professional mentors.