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The agenda and discussion is as follows:

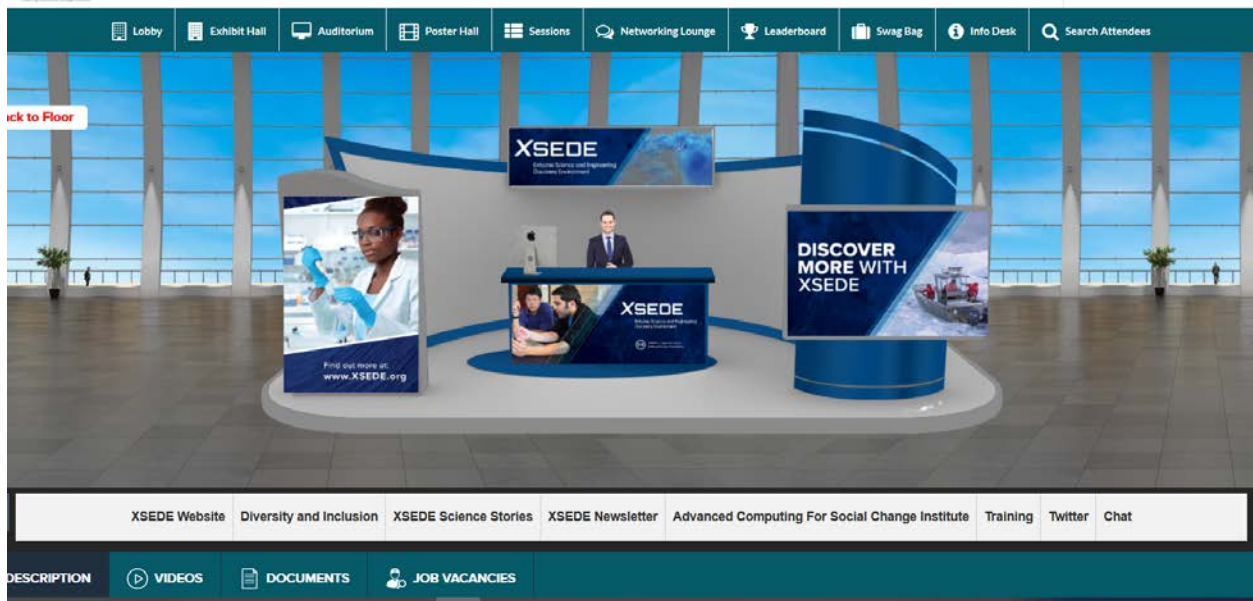
1. Admin

- a. Budget Updates – Reminder that the PY11 spending plans are due from subawards to Illinois on Friday 10/30. Linda meeting with Shodor to assist. Linda requested extension for OSC since Kate is on medical leave. Main concern is understanding the travel and participant support costs carryover and gaps.
- b. IPR Report Preparation Schedule – Reminder IPR preparation has started. Linda already contacted Maytal and Lorna for data. Susan pulls her own data. Would like text by Friday cob or Monday noon to provide time for questions. Make sure your publications are updated in the portal and all items in the risk register are addressed. Linda and Susan have completed their risk register items. Linda needs to check for any assigned to Kate and address.

2. Conferences

- a. Virtual Conference Exhibiting Debrief – TAPIA and SACNAS debrief
 - i. Preferred the simplicity of the SACNAS (Eventfinity) platform and the ease of updating over the Tapia platform (vFair). The vFair platform tried to emulate the look and feel of a live booth but was harder to navigate by conference attendees. Both platforms crashed and experienced technical difficulties on the first day. The SACNAS platform was simpler and cleaner but conference attendees didn't have any idea what the different types of booths were (choice, premium, et al). XSEDE is the last in the list because the Tapia was an alphabetical scroll down through several hundred names and SACNAS was four pages of alphabetized logos.
 - ii. Students were hesitant to engage in the chat rooms. Over a week long span of exhibiting only nominal amount of engagement. At Tapia about a dozen in an old school style chat room. At SACNAS only one visitor.
 - iii. Analytics provided by the conference organizer for Tapia revealed only one view of the video and small number of downloads of fliers at Tapia despite 400 visits to the booth.
 - iv. SACNAS organizers spent time providing pointers on how to improve activity in the booth. However, the most valuable asset from the conference is the SACNAS attendee list with institution, email, and titles which we will use to add to our student and faculty mailing lists. Though, not at all the same as the qualified leads we obtain when speaking with students in person.
 - v. Most people plan their attendance at the conference and pre-identify the sessions and booths they might visit. If unknown not likely to get traffic. Students are seeking jobs and target Google and other big name corporations.
 - vi. Checked with other exhibitors and all indicated they had similar experiences.
 - vii. Would not recommend spending additional money to get the video chat features.
 - viii. For future virtual conferences, important to have panels, sessions, or some interactive event to drive traffic to the booth. For SC20, the HPC in the City Hackathon and C4C will promote deeper engagement and help move students to longer term activities like the EMPOWER internship. This is the goal for in-person and it is imperative for virtual.

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- a. SC20
 - Computing4Change – New User Training scheduled, allocation approved, John is adding the students to the allocation. Schedule is posted and calendar invitations sent out.
 - Hackathon in the City – XSEDE is recognized as a sponsor for the Hackathon. So far 3 mentors have requested registration for SC20 and their registrations are processed. Linda committed to a 5 minute overview of XSEDE at 11am on Monday 11/9 and to participate as a judge from 6 – 7:30pm ET on the same day.
 - SIGHPC Education Chapter Workshop – no additional discussion on this call
2. EMPOWER – Applications close Friday 10/30. To date 12 mentor projects received and 11 students have applied. Past experience shows a lot of applications are submitted close to the deadline. If at least 20 projects and students by the deadline, will extend. John Holly will send out a reminder that applications close this week.
3. Terminology Task Force – Context and why a term is problematic is being added to the spreadsheet before sending an update to the SMT. John and Steve are working on re-ordering so the most frequent and applicable terms to XSEDE are at the top.
4. Training – Course catalog being updated.
5. Broadening Participation Partnership Development
 - a. Advanced Computing for Social Change Faculty Curriculum Development – Unislawa is making progress on the first module in a box and a data science fellow for PY11 has been identified.
 - b. Atlanta University Center Data Science Initiative – Linda schedule for a call with new director this week
 - c. CSULA – Rosie is monitoring and staying in touch
 - d. Florida Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation – Linda will reach out again to get a call scheduled
 - e. UCF - XSEDE New User Training request for November moved into Spring 2021.
6. Education
 - a. UC Berkeley course CS267, Applications of Parallel Computers – Waiting on confirmation of the contract between OSC and Berkley for the spring. Once confirmed, John and Linda will promote to ensure institutions sign up for the spring.