

CEE Broadening Participation and Workforce Development  
11/24/2020 Call Notes

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Agenda and Discussion:

1. Admin – Linda Akli
  - a. **Welcome Back Kate!** The vote is in and Aaron Weeden won the entertainer of the quarter award. His video brought smiles to Kate beating out the Halloween balloon animal and weaving entry.
  - b. **Coffee and Cocoa Celebration on December 15<sup>th</sup>.** This will be our last call of this calendar year. Bring your cocoa or coffee to the call. The link was sent around with Harry and David's cookie box descriptions. If you haven't done so, send your selection to Linda along with your home mailing address to receive your cookies prior to the call.
  - c. **Reminder - Quarterly meeting December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.** Susan submitted requests for breakout sessions on the Terminology Task Force and Training Coordination. Susan will also request a session in the regular 3pm EDT for the training team plus Jay and Rosie to discuss updating XSEDE New User Training.
2. SC20 Debrief
  - a. HPC in the City Hackathon – Je'aime Powell: Overall the Hackathon was very successful with 34 students and 19 mentors competing in 9 teams. Some logistics issues were identified including timing (same issue as C4C below), judging preparation and communication, and disbursement of stipends. The post survey included open comments which were very favorable. There are plans to write a paper and offer a workshop on teach the hackathon skills. Je'aime, John, and Linda will have a call discuss plans, resources, and strategy for offering additional hackathons including one potentially co-located or affiliated with ADMI (Association of Computer/Information Sciences and Engineering Departments at Minority Institutions).
  - b. SIGHPC Education Chapter Workshop – Aaron Weeden: The workshop went smoothly and the process to publish papers is underway. Aaron moderated a panel and presented on EMPOWER. Susan also moderated a panel.
  - c. C4C – Rosie Gomez: This year was very challenging due to the changes in academic semesters. Many students ended up with final exams during SC20 due to academic institutions changing and compressing the semester in response to COVID-19. This caused several student presentations to be delayed until this week. There was a mid-program evaluation which confirmed the observations of the staff. There were issues due to the early disbursement of stipends and with the use of Jetstream. There will be a full debrief meeting next week with the committee, mentors, and staff. Thanks to Jay and John for their New User Training, follow up session, office hours and responses to questions via Slack.
  - d. Exhibits and Sessions
    - Alameda – attended two tutorials. The one that used pre-recorded lectures and used the live session to do hands on was very engaging. The second tutorial delivered by someone who is excellent in-person was not as successful.

- Holly – the exhibit hall was not engaging
- Linda – attended keynote and a couple of education sessions. Found it difficult to resist multi-tasking and missed the networking and serendipitous connections that are made at conferences.
- Marques and Rosie – consumed with C4C responsibilities were unable to partake in any part of SC20.
- Linda will reach out to Boz to find out how much traffic the XSEDE booth generated

3. Education – Kate Cahill

- a. Advanced Computing for Social Change Curriculum Development – workshop planning will resume now that Kate has returned. Unislawa presented the first module in a box draft to Jaye Nias (Spelman CS) and to the C<sup>2</sup>Exchange for feedback.
- b. Parallel Programming Course – About a dozen schools are expected to participate. The information was sent to the education listserv. Kate will send to Henry Neeman for a broader distribution. Kate in coordination will do a follow up reach out to Dr. Watkins, Morehouse CS Chair.

4. EMPOWER – Aaron Weeden: Over fifty applications were received, which is an increase over the number submitted for the previous spring cohort. Reviews will be complete by the end of this week. Next week, Aaron and Bob will finalize the selections and prepare the notifications. Many thanks to campus champions and XSEDE staff who assisted with promotion and applicant reviews.

5. Terminology Task Force Update – Susan Mehringer: Task force complete the slide that accompanies the code of conduct slide in presentations, the draft wording for review by SMT that will be used like a footnote for all online documents, and an announcement prepared by Boz (ER). The crowdsourced list shared by John Towns was reviewed by the task force. The current approach is to maintain an XSEDE list and cross share information with the crowdsourced list. Both lists used the same fields – term, suggested replacement, why, and reference links. XSEDE has some industry unique needs especially with software that drives the need to maintain a separate list.

6. Training – Susan Mehringer: See above regarding a session at the Quarterly on New User Training refresh.