

CAS Core Facilities Committee Report Fall 2017

Fall Assembly – December 1, 2017

The CAS Core Facilities Committee met only once this semester as we've lost 3 members and will need to regroup for spring. In conjunction with the Dean's office and the CAS-ADR (Randy Larsen), we will need to reconstitute a CAS Core facility committee for spring which consists of core facility managers and high end users of the facility who all share vested interest in promotion and long term sustainability of CAS shared instrument resources. In the interim, the ad hoc core facility managers committee met with the Randy Larsen and Brent Smith of the Dean's office. Most of the discussions continue regarding the lack of funding and rapid deterioration of the infrastructure surrounding various facilities. Apart from these discussions a number of key issues were addressed and/or completed:

- 1) In conjunction with the ADR's office, work has begun to have a single contact URA, well versed in how cores use AUX accounts, handle billing and other such business matters pertaining to the unique nature of core facilities. We anticipate this person providing centralized business support as early as the 2018-2019 academic year.
- 2) A check box was finally placed on internal forms for grants that identify CAS Core facility use. This will allow budgets to be checked for adequacy of funding for analytical work.
- 3) Work on a fee waiver form for pilot projects, student projects and underfunded research is still ongoing. A proposed tracking system for this was presented by the dean's office and is currently unacceptable to the core facilities managers as it only seems to account for operator time. This will be a key topic for discussion in spring.
- 4) We continue to work with the CAS ADR's office for better "branding" of the CAS cores in order for cores to be prepared to compete for philanthropic support. New websites are being created as well as flyers to advertise the role of the Cores in research and outreach.

The CAS Core Facilities Committee and the ad hoc committee urge that there is still a need to educate faculty on how cores operate, how they should be acknowledged and the role of the core manager in grants and publications.

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