

Minutes
 Birck Nanotechnology Center
 "TOWN HALL" MEETING
 September 21, 2006

Agenda

- Update on building systems, equipment installation, and landscaping progress (John Weaver)
- Review of concerns expressed during previous Town Hall meetings. (John Weaver)
- Birck "administrative" announcements. (Jim Cooper & Dick Schwartz)
- Birck "community" announcements. (Sheryl Willison)
- Questions, comments, open discussion. (Everyone!)

- Update on building certification, equipment installation, and assignment of lab space. (Weaver)

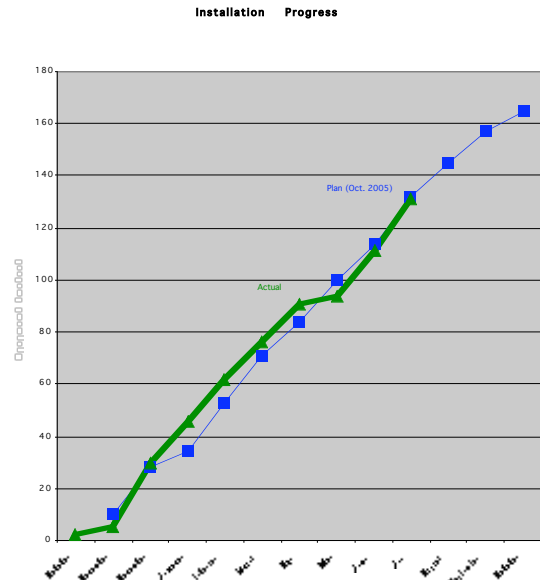
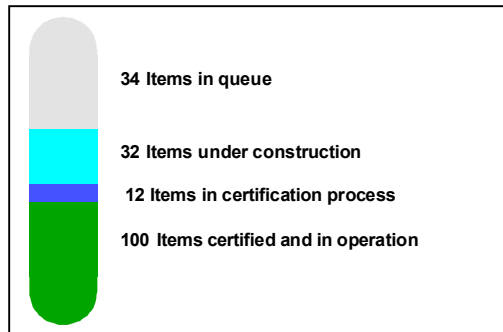
Building Issues – Grounding System

Remediation is complete on broken grounding wires
 The opportunity was taken to move lighting wiring away from ground lines to decrease chances of interaction with fields
 Wires for lighting circuits were twisted to minimize fields
 Grounding system has been reconnected and excavation in that area of site completed

Landscaping

Final grading is underway between Birck and Bindley
 - Topsoil
 - Base for sidewalks
 Sidewalk forming will begin soon
 Access to the building will be interrupted at some level through December 2006

Installation Status



- Review of concerns expressed during previous Town Hall meetings. (Weaver)
 - BNC Web Page - www.nano.purdue.edu has being modified
 - Has pull down "Facility" for more topics as equipment status, installation, progress, and chem. ordering
 - Equipment status information
 - Web-based status board has been implemented
 - Access from the BNC home page or from SSLab
 - Acid hoods – nitrogen lines above sink
 - Looking at alternatives
 - Trash cans near hoods

Doubled the number of trash cans in facility
Log Sheets
Please use last 4 digits of PU ID#.
Shut down of MSEE 289
Dangerous, inadequate supervision. Operational hours closed midnight – 7 AM – M-F,
midnight – noon Saturday and Sundays.
Door closure for floor remediation
Saturday, September 30. Enter through 2nd floor entry way.

- Birck “administrative” announcements. (Cooper & Schwartz)
Director Search: Announcement soon. (Schwartz)
“New Initiatives”
Student Safety Officer(s) for Labs (NSAC initiative)
Lab infraction policy under review (at NSAC request)
“Super Users” for Equipment (NSAC initiative)
NSAC members will discuss students that have lots of experience to help train and monitor other students.
Occupancy survey of Student Offices underway
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- Birck “community” announcements. (Willison)
Deborah is doing well and will return on Monday, October 2.
United Way packets distributed. Deborah and Sheryl are the team captions.
Thank you to the NSAC for the carry-in.
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- Questions, comments, open discussion. (Everyone!)
Student Council
Staff member of the month by student ballot
Tailgate party during Homecoming football game
Cook out – still thinking about
Website and faculty sponsor
Encourage other grad students to join.
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- Attendance (sign in sheet distributed): 21; thank you for your participation and support

Dick Schwartz
Jim Cooper
John Weaver
Stacy Brown
Mauritz deRidder
Gil Lee
Rosa Lahiji
Mary Jo Totten

Helen McNally
Ron Reifenberger
Dave Lubelski
Annie Cheever
Sheryl Willison
Matt Spletzer
James Leary

Kim Douglas
Ira Joung
Jennifer Monahan-Dian
Kenny Schwartz
Tim Sands
Roya Lahiji
Elizabeth Ayres

Next Meeting
Thursday, October 19 1:30 p.m.
NOTE ROOM CHANGE: BRK 2001