Ops Working Group 22 Resolutions

RESOLUTION 22.1: The OpsWG appreciates the efforts of Gemini South staff in providing Phase 2 support for 2012A to Chilean PIs while the Chilean NGO vacancy is filled.

RESOLUTION 22.2: The OpsWG thanks the Gemini Observatory for their support of the highly successful South American Gemini Data Workshop, and the 2011 AusGO/AAO Observational Techniques Workshop.

RESOLUTION 22.3: GCAL sequences configured manually by PIs will not be checked by NGO or Gemini staff with effect from 2012B onwards, and any time lost as a result will be charged to the PI.

RESOLUTION 22.4: The OpsWG is concerned that delays by some partner and host NGOs in completing Phase 2 checking are impacting upon queue filling, and ultimately creating a large imbalance of partner share in their favor. The Gemini Board should enact a policy for forfeiting, or charging for time when a partner or host fails to meet its Phase 2 completion requirements by the agreed deadline.

RESOLUTION 22.5: The OpsWG congratulates the Gemini staff for the success of the 2005 YU55 high tracking rate observations; the E2V-DD CCD upgrade to GMOS-North; and the implementation of the LGS use with the new PWFS1.

RESOLUTION 22.6: The core QCs and Heads of Science Operations will review programs that either reach 130% of their allocation, or >4 hours over allocation, whichever is reached first. They will apply a bulk correction for acquisitions and science observations that resulted in no usable data. If the charged time still exceeds the allocated time, the Head of Science Operations will request NGO input on whether to continue, or terminate the program.

RESOLUTION 22.7: The OpsWG acknowledges Fred Chaffee's substantial contributions as Gemini Interim Director.

RESOLUTION 22.8: To ensure fairness across the partnership and avoid inadvertent "time banking", the OpsWG supports charging each partner for 50% of their unused ToO time from Semester 2012B onwards.

RESOLUTION 22.9: The OpsWG congratulates the Software Group for outstanding recent progress with the enhanced OT and brand new PIT for 2012B.