

Ops Working Group 19 Resolutions

Resolution 19.1: PIs who know the RA(s) of their target triggers should include this information in their phase I, such that it can be taken into account for the queue filling;

Resolution 19.2: PIs of programs with triggers expected throughout the semester are requested to use no more than half their allocated time in the last 2 months of the semester, and should be aware that the Observatory may take this into account when deciding on queue priorities;

Resolution 19.3: Unexecuted ToO observations triggered within the final 4 weeks of queue nights remaining in the semester may be excluded from the Observatory's calculation of the completion percentage for ToO programs;

Resolution 19.4: ToO programs with both, Rapid and Standard, components should identify in their Phase I proposals the fraction of time to be devoted to each, and specify Observing Conditions constraints for the standard ToO time;

Resolution 19.5: No ToO proposals for transient targets requiring follow-up within a period of 1 month should be allowed in Band 3;

Resolution 19.6: Cloud cover bins should be redefined as photometric (50%), patchy cloud or thin cirrus with up to 0.3 mag extinction (70%), cloudy with up to 1 mag extinction (80%), and thick clouds (any);

Resolution 19.7: Starting with 2011A, the ITAC will fill the queue up to 80 +/- 5% of the available time, with 30% in Band 1, 30% in Band 2, and 20% in Band 3. The 20% remaining time is assumed to consist of poor weather. Classical time comes off the top, with the queue taking 80% of the remaining time. Partners will be asked to fill up their queue time in all conditions up through CC 80%. CC any programs will be put in the poor weather queue (Band 4);

Resolution 19.8: OWG agrees with short-term queue changes proposed by Gemini: (i) no queue planning for poor observing conditions, (ii) simplified detailed time accounting, (iii) no band 4 (poor weather) time accounting, program revisions and data quality assessment, (iv) if re-observations of targets are needed, or calibrations are missing, for band 4 (poor weather) programs it will be the responsibility of the PIs to revise phase IIs to add the required observations as copies of the existing observations, (v) closing the telescope based on forecast for very poor conditions.

Resolution 19.9: The OWG asks the Board to identify a UK contact to help to close out any issues with UK programs beyond the end of the UK participation;

Resolution 19.10: The OWG agrees with the principle in the balancing document regarding reaching balance of the UK time at the end of the UK's participation;

Resolution 19.11: The OWG is comfortable if the UK exceeds its allotted time by up to 20 hours (typically 5% of the UK charged time in any given semester) in the final time-accounting at the end of its participation;

Resolution 19.12: The OWG thanks Ilona Soechting for her sterling service as chair of the OWG for the past two years;