



GEMINI BOARD MEETING
LA SERENA, CHILE – 15-17 NOVEMBER 2017

Resolutions Arising from the 15-17 November 2017 Gemini Board Meeting

2017.B.1. The Board approves the STAC recommended science time goals for semester 2018B of 87% on Gemini South and 90% on Gemini North, and the adjustment of science time for semester 2018A of 92% for Gemini South, and 94% for Gemini North.

2017.B.2. The Board approves the following 2018 Gemini Budget:

	US \$
Operations and Maintenance	28,672,962
Instrument Development Fund	5,059,000
Total	33,731,962

The contributions from the Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute for observing time access in 2018 will be applied to the O&M budget.

2017.B.3. The Board endorses the recommended priorities by the STAC for development activities, listing in order: OCTOCAM, GHOST, GS Laser, GN Laser, IUP, NGS2, GNIRS Controller, Altair RTC, GMOS improvements, DM0, A&G.

2017.B.4. The Board supports STAC recommendation 13.9, and agrees that in the event that GPI moves to Gemini North and a high-resolution mode GNIRS IFU is operational, or a high resolution IFU mode is provided by another instrument under consideration for Gemini, such as GIRMOS, the Board endorses the Observatory’s plan to remove NIFS.

2017.B.5. The Board endorses STAC recommendation 13.10 regarding the future of NIRI, specifically that the Observatory’s plan to temporarily remove NIRI from Gemini North if a competitive visitor instrument opportunity arises.

2017.B.6. The Board recognizes the continued importance of enabling PI science on both facilities throughout the international user community in the next decade. The Board supports STAC recommendation 13.14 to see an update on plans for LSST follow-up observations by Gemini, with attention paid to how PI science will be protected in an era of many more rapid target of opportunity observations, as well as details on how all Gemini users can benefit from the Observatory's capabilities, including participation in LSST follow-up campaigns

2017.B.7. The Board endorses the proposed policy on data access for Target of Opportunity programs, as described in Section III, item 1 in the November 2017 document *Activation, Prioritization and Data Access Rights for Target of Opportunity Programs at the Gemini Observatory*. The document is to remain posted on the Gemini website.



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2017.B.8. The Board accepts and approves the request from Argentina to withdraw from the Large and Long Programs (LLP) effective end of Semester 2017B.

2017.B.9. The Board endorses the concept, as outlined in the “NCOA Organization, Management, and Operation Plan” document, for restructuring optical-infrared assets that include NOAO programs and operations, Gemini Observatory, and LSST operations under a single administrative and managerial framework. The Board is reassured that in this concept Gemini retains financial independence and that strategic vision and scientific directions remain with the International Participants. The Board looks forward to being engaged throughout the implementation process.

2017.B.10. The Board notes that there will be an Assessment Point at the November 2018 Board meeting. At that time Participants will communicate their intention whether to remain in the Partnership post 2021 and will provide an indication of the anticipated level of financial participation. Participants are expected to provide an update at the May 2018 Board meeting.

2017.B.11. The Board reappoints Maria Victoria Alonso (Argentina) of the Gemini Board for a second 1-yr term as its Vice-Chair. The Board extends the appointment of Rene Walterbos (US) as Chair for one more year, to the end of calendar year 2018.

2017.B.12. The Board approves the appointments of Dr. Marcia Wolf and Dr. Elliott Horch for the US and Dr. Craig Heinke for Canada to 3-yr terms on the Gemini STAC. The appointments are effective July 10, 2017 for Dr. Wolf and January 1, 2018 for Dr. Horch and Dr. Heinke. The term for Dr. Guillermo Bosch for Argentina was extended for one more year.