



GEMINI BOARD MEETING
LA SERENA, CHILE – 4-6 NOVEMBER 2015

Resolutions Arising from the 4-6 November 2015 Gemini Board Meeting

2015.B.1. The Board approves the 2016 Gemini budget request:

	US\$
Operations and Maintenance	\$27,300,000
Instrument Development Fund	\$ 5,761,133
Facilities Development Fund	\$ 0
Total	\$33,061,033

2015.B.2. The Observatory may make plans for instrumentation development that include using any O&M cash balance remaining at the end of 2016.

2015.B.3. The Board approves the 2016B goal of 159 nights (86%) science time on Gemini South, and 167.5 nights (91%) on Gemini North.

2015.B.4. The Board welcomes and supports the Observatory's initiative to issue a single contract to realize the infrastructure improvements identified in the recent energy audit in Hawai'i.

2015.B.5. The Board acknowledges the STAC report and endorses their recommended development priorities.

2015.B.6. The Board supports the principles outlined in the Observatory's proposal for incorporating in-kind contributions to future instrument procurement planning.

2015.B.7. The Board endorses the STAC recommendation to deploy GHOST at Gemini South.

2015.B.8. The Board commends the Observatory for successful completion of the Gemini Instrument Feasibility Studies. The STAC is requested to review the outcome of these studies and to work with the Observatory to identify a set of core capabilities required for the next facility instrument. The Board places a high priority on schedule and cost control and supports the Observatory's plan to issue a Request for Proposals that reflects these priorities.

2015.B.9. The Board elected Rene Walterbos as the next Chair of the Board, effective January 1, 2016.

2015.B.10. The Board approves the Terms of Reference for a subcommittee charged with developing a Strategic Vision for the Observatory that extends beyond the end of the next International Agreement in 2021. Initial members of the committee are Markus Kissler-Patig (Director), Rene Walterbos (incoming Board chair), Jim Ulvestad (NSF), Chris Davis (Gemini Program Officer), and Board members Bob Abraham, Greg Fahlman, Thaisa Storchi-Bergmann and Sylvain Veilleux.

2015.B.11. The Board approves the nomination of Inese Ivans as a US representative on the STAC.

2015.B.12. The Board appoints Victoria Alonso as the new Board representative of the Gemini-CONICYT fund council.

2015.B.13. The Board acknowledges the final Board meeting of Dan Jaffe, Edo Berger, Stuart Wyithe and Michael Balogh and thanks them for their valuable service to the Observatory.

2015.B.14. The Board notes with regret that this was the final meeting with Australia's participation as a full partner. The Board welcomes the continued engagement of the Australian community through their contributions to instrumentation development and the limited term partnership during 2016.