Ops Working Group 21 Resolutions

RESOLUTION 21.1: The OpsWG appreciates the significant efforts of the NICI Contact Scientists (Tom Hayward, Fredrik Rantakyro, and Steve Margheim) in responding to technical and operational queries about NICI during Phase 2 completion.

RESOLUTION 21.2: The OpsWG would like to see any future exchange time agreement with Keck offer access to all Keck instruments, and not just HIRES.

RESOLUTION 21.3: The OpsWG thanks Dr Mercedes Gomez for her service to the Argentinean Gemini community, and welcomes the strengthened commitment of Argentina to the Gemini partnership.

RESOLUTION 21.4: The OpsWG would like to acknowledge the enhanced engagement of Gemini staff in participating in community workshops and national astronomy meetings.

RESOLUTION 21.5: The OpsWG thanks Inger Jorgensen for providing statistics on first-time users, and non-sidereal targets.

RESOLUTION 21.6: The OpsWG endorses Gemini’s plan to pursue the development of deepdepletion E2V CCDs for use in GMOS as a risk-mitigation strategy in light of the ongoing difficulties with the Hamamatsu CCDs.

RESOLUTION 21.7: The OpsWG congratulates the GeMS team on achieving engineering first light and looks forward to continuing improvements in performance in the next commissioning round.

RESOLUTION 21.8: The OpsWG recommends that a total of no more than 13 nights be set aside for FLAMINGOS-2 and GSAOI System Verification in 2012A, with the division between instruments to be at Gemini’s discretion.

RESOLUTION 21.9: The OpsWG concurs that from an operational perspective, consolidating midIR at one site by moving T-ReCS to Gemini North is the way to go. If and when this occurs, consideration can then be given to an optimized coating for GHOS on Gemini South.
RESOLUTION 21.10: The OpsWG would like to see the new Gemini Users Committee consider as a priority means by which the response rate to Gemini’s queue and classical feedback forms can be increased.

RESOLUTION 21.11: The OpsWG thanks members Knut Olsen, Marilia Sartori, and Tim Davidge for their contributions to the Operations Software Transition Plan.