

Ops Working Group 18 Resolutions

Resolution 18.1: The OpsWG wishes to express a significant concern regarding the current and future status of NIRI. Considering the existing investment into AO/LGS capabilities at Gemini-North it is imperative that a reliable and efficient NIR imager enables their exploitation. The OpsWG supports the immediate investigation of fast-track upgrades and/or replacements of NIRI to fully utilize the maximum FOV of the GeminiNorth telescope for direct and AO corrected imaging.

Resolution 18.2: The OpsWG warmly thanks Dr Dennis Crabtree for his many years of dedicated service to the Gemini Observatory, the Operations Working Group and the Gemini Community

Resolution 18.3: The OpsWG acknowledges the noticeable improvement of response time by Gemini Staff during the Phase II period.

Resolution 18.4: (from NGO only session) To match the investment into the hardware improvement of GMOS, its mask design software (GMMPS) should also undergo already long time needed servicing and improvement. The NGO heads noted that GMMPS is one of the most negative experiences that Gemini users, NGOs and Staff encounter. The poor reliability and slit allocation algorithm reduce significantly the scientific efficiency of the GMOS multi-object spectroscopy.