MC Meeting  
September 8, 2016

* Ad for new hire
  + Whendee concerned the search would start rumors that there are problems with LUQ leadership
  + Should be stressed in the ad that the person will be a co-leader/assistant director with the intention of becoming the director of LUQ in the future
  + Research area in terrestrial or stream ecology preferred
* Site visit
  + Send Jess suggestions for reviewers for the March 2017 site review
* Science Council Meeting
  + LUQ asked to host science council meeting in May
  + Pros: Would allow different people from NSF to visit the site, good exposure for LUQ. Cons: Busy time because of site review in March 2017 and proposal due March 2018. Also concerns about zika
  + Group consensus for hosting the site review if it did not involve much personal work
    - Jess suggested booking rooms at Rio Mar or another resort so that we would only need to organize a field trip
    - Jess sent Marty Downs an email with these suggestions and concerns
* Website
  + Jess is talking to Kathy Robinson (Where Dwarves Reign, Journey to El Yunque) about reworking the web content to make it more public-friendly
* Increasing the data catalog
  + Jess will send email to senior personnel to ask for new long-term datasets that can be used to grow the data catalog
* Logo
  + Jess is talking to Eda’s daughter about finalizing the logo voted on at the annual meeting in June but is waiting for some money
* Elevation gradient MRDG
  + Chris and Sarah are working on the draft of the MRDG for the elevation gradient work. Hopefully will finish it by the end of September for Jess and Grizelle to review before submitting
  + Work will begin on the Sonadora plots outside the Wilderness in October
* Monthly meetings
  + Jess will ask Alonso/stream group to speak at September meeting. Whendee/Omar will speak in either November or December
  + Need suggestions for other topics/speakers
* Misc
  + Should encourage people to look at the long term data and come up with ideas for analysis or synthesis projects
  + Need better integration of long-term datasets in the next proposal
  + Sarah and Jess going to AIBS workshop in DC in December – Jess will use this time to meet with people at NSF
  + Mike is interested in having the MC meet with the UPR Chancellor at the next meeting