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Space Telescope Users Committee - Fall 2023

Laura Watkins

for the Hubble Science Policies Group

November 30, 2023



Goodbyes

- STUC members rotating off:
 - Beth Biller
 - Preethi Nair
 - Kate Rubin
- STScI staff retiring:
 - Brett Blacker



Introductions

- New STUC Chair for 2024:
 - Harry Teplitz
- New TAC technical manager:
 - Aleksandra Hamanowicz



Agenda

- **Thursday Morning:**

- STUC Chair (Beth Biller)
- Director's Office (Nancy Levenson)
- STScI Overview (Laura Watkins)
- HST Mission Office (Tom Brown)
- HST Project/GSFC (Jennifer Wiseman & Jim Jeletic)
- ESA Office (Chris Evans)

- **Thursday Afternoon:**

- ULLYSES (Julia Roman-Duval & team)
- HASP and HSLA (John Debes)
- Office of Public Outreach (Hussein Jirdeh, Chad Smith, Frank Summers)
- HST Science Policies (Claus Leitherer)
- Transients Proposals (Laura Watkins)

- **Friday Morning:**

- Exoplanets DD Working Group (Seth Redfield)
- Long-Term Variability Monitoring DD WGg (Saurabh Jha & Dana Casetti)
- HASA HQ Update (Mark Clampin)
- EAP Survey (Laura Watkins)



Items from the Spring 2022 Meeting

- **TAC Panel Survey:** *Regarding the climate on in-person and virtual panels ... the STUC also recommends including a brief questionnaire about the panel climate as part of the post-TAC survey of panelists.*
 - We have added 4 questions on this topic to our surveys.

Panel Atmosphere

Did you feel that the panel chair and vice chair encouraged a positive and polite atmosphere?

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Did you feel that the panel was collegial, respectful and collaborative?

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Did you feel that you were able to share your opinions freely with the other panelists?

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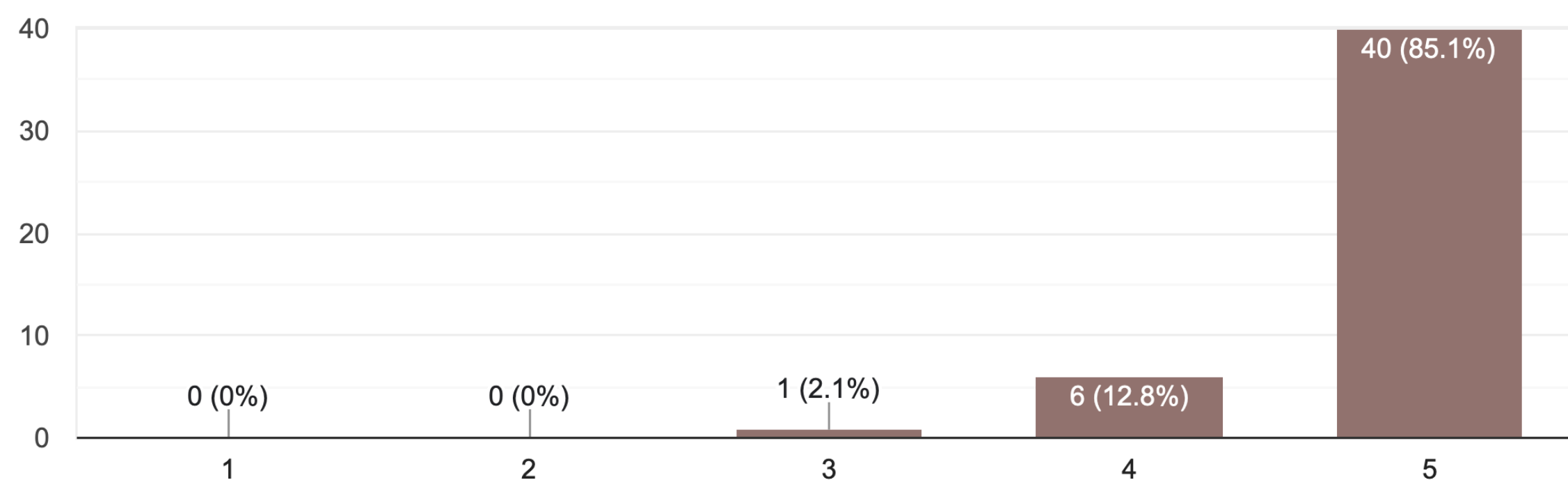


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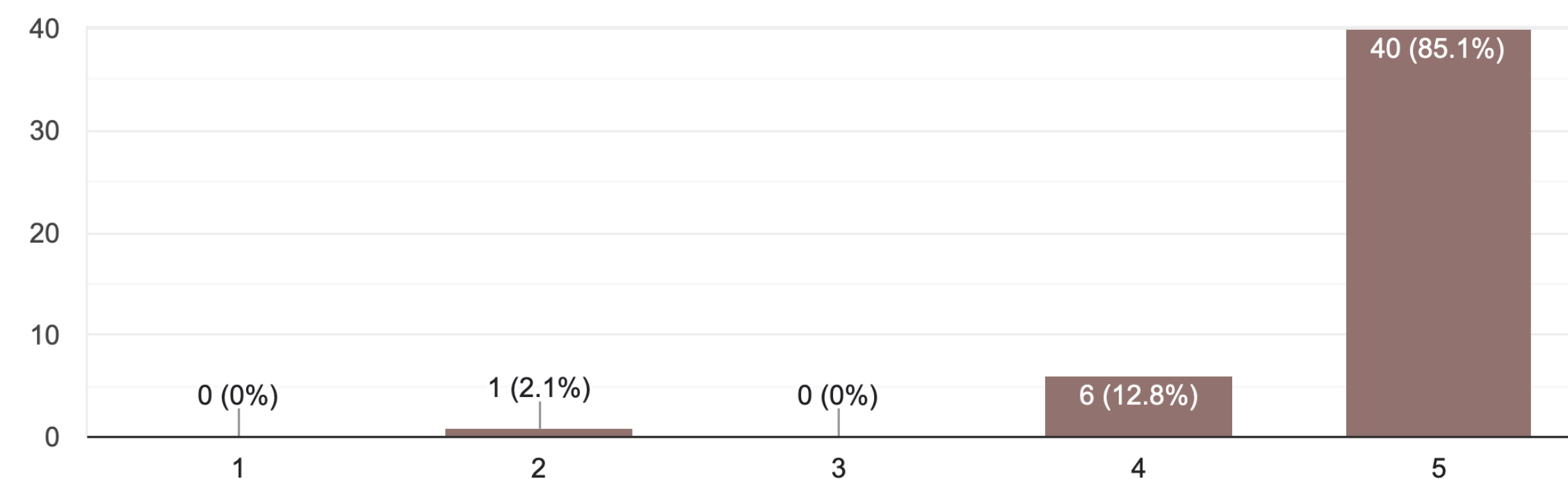
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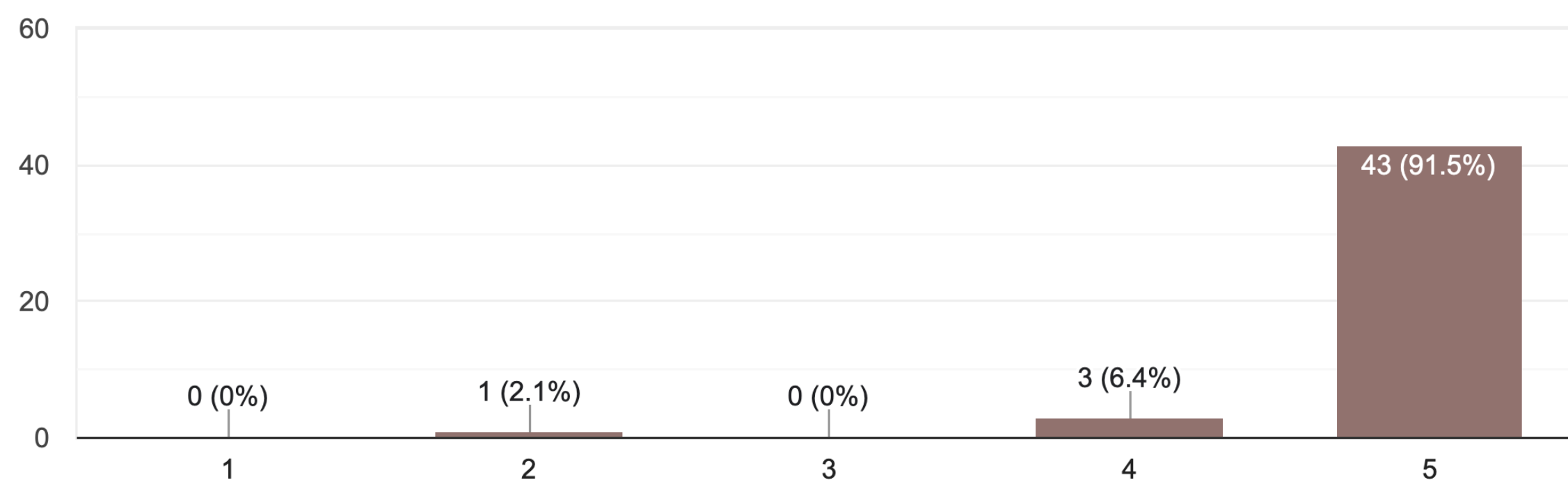


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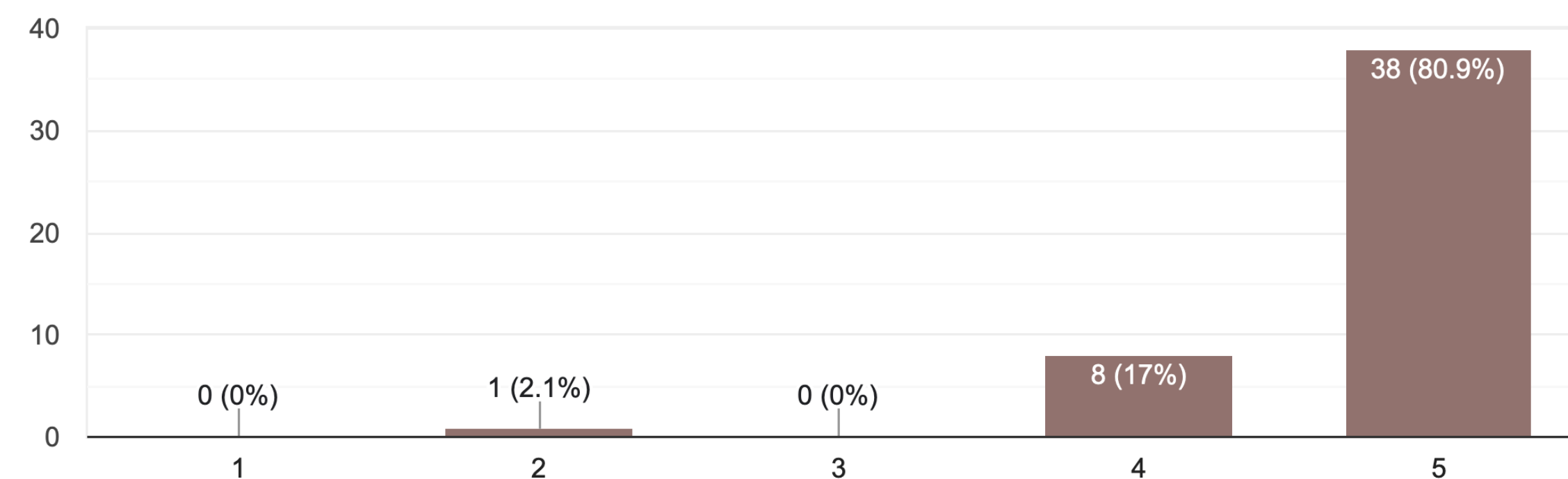
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- **Hubble Multi-Cycle Treasury (MCT) Programs:** *“In order to ensure that the next Hubble MCT program(s) will be as impactful as possible and relevant to a broad cross-section of the community, the STUC hopes that this forthcoming initiative is announced broadly and that the selection process includes peer review by the community.”*
 - Solicited by Cycle 32 Call. Up to 1500 orbits in Cycles 32-34.
 - Programs must be ≥ 350 orbits, any science area.
 - Advertised via a newsletter article ahead of the CP release (Dec 13)
 - More advertising coming, including at the AAS. You can help!
 - Reviewed by the HST Cycle 32 Executive Committee.



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- **Flexible Thursdays:** *“The STUC were pleased to see this mode implemented and are very interested in receiving an update regarding the full implementation of this mode and use by the community.”*
 - Transients Proposals presentation by Laura Watkins
- **Success rate by gender for Mid-Cycles:** *“STUC recommends keeping an eye on this in future [mid-]Cycles, as inclusion is one of NASA’s 5 core values. If female-led proposals are systematically receiving a lower success rate, it is consistent with NASA’s values to investigate potential causes and develop mitigation strategies.”*
 - No new mid-cycle results yet (review ongoing right now), but we heard you!
- **Gender options in MyST:** *“The STUC strongly recommends including additional gender options in MyST user profiles.”*
 - That’s actually harder than it sounds. But we are running separate surveys to collect demographics of submitted (and later accepted) proposers — we are gearing up to send this out for JW3 right now.



Other items of note:

- **Upcoming Deadlines:**
 - HST Cycle 32: Tuesday March 26, 2024
 - *JWST Cycle 4: TBD, expected October, 2024*
 - *HST Cycle 32 Mid-Cycle: TBD, expected Oct-Nov, 2024*
 - *HST Cycle 33: TBD, expected late March, 2025*



Thank you for your service!

We're looking forward to a great meeting
and welcome your thoughts and feedback.