

Report Month: Submitted by: Submit Date: Institution: Payload Number: Payload Name: February Samuel A. Garcia Morelos 01/23/2018 University of Houston 2017-12 SORA – Stratospheric Organisms and Radiation Analyzer

# I) Activities During Previous Month:

- 1) Provisional application work
- 2) Procured funding!
- 3) Finishing budget and starting procurement of equipment and parts
- 4) Working on improving MiniPIX collection setup
- 5) New smaller package developed for flight computer
- 6) Working on publications from the data of last semester (MiniPIX, Engineering design, and Astrobiology)
- 7) Exploring options for funding and reaching out to university

#### **II**) Issues Encountered:

1) None so far

### **III**) Milestones Achieved:

- 1) General:
  - i) Finished HASP 2018 Provisional Application
  - ii) Received a funding source

# **IV**) Plans for Coming Month:

- 1) Order parts and equipment
- 2) Hire new team members
- 3) Begin new work on design and upgrades once parts arrive
- 4) Acquire more funding for travel and other misc. items

# VI) Team Composition and Organization:

| Name                        | Start Date | End Date | Role                         | Student Status | Race  | Ethnicity | Gender | Disabled |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Andrew L.<br>Renshaw        | 01/06/16   | Present  | Faculty Mentor               | Faculty        | White | N/A       | Male   | No       |
| Samuel A. Garcia<br>Morelos | 01/01/16   | Present  | Project Leader               | Alumni         | White | Hispanic  | Male   | No       |
| Fre'Etta Brooks             | 04/01/16   | Present  | Astrobiology Coordinator     | Alumni         | Black | N/A       | Female | No       |
| Steven Oliver               | 07/12/16   | Present  | Radiation Coordinator        | Undergrad      | White | N/A       | Male   | No       |
| Reed Masek                  | 04/24/17   | Present  | Radiation and Data Organizer | Undergrad      | White | N/A       | Male   | No       |
| Andrew Walker               | 05/08/17   | Present  | Electronics Coordinator      | Undergrad      | White | N/A       | Male   | No       |
| Kevin Portillo              | 05/08/17   | Present  | Lead Programmer              | Undergrad      | White | N/A       | Male   | No       |