

GIS Council

MINUTES

2/3/15 11:04 am

AGSL

1. Meeting called to order and introductions with a special introduction of Eliza Bettinger.
Attendance: Stephen Appel, Eliza Bettinger, Patti Day (attending by phone), Donna Genzmer, Kay Guildner, Ivy Hu, Bill Huxhold, Brett Ketter, Greg Latsch, Robert Schneider, Nick Weber, Ken Woodall, Changshan Wu, Zengwang Xu
2. Approval of the Agenda with changes
3. GIS Certificate Committee [Day/Hux]
 - 3.1. Announcements:
 - 3.1.1. New student representative: Nick Weber.
 - 3.1.2. Fall courses:
 - UP 591/791 (Lec M 1:30-4:10 Lab either M 5:30 or F 9:00)
 - UP 794 - M 5:30-8:10
 - UP 692 (GIS and Transportation) - W 5:30-8:10
 - GEOG 525 W 2-4.30pm. Labs W 10am-noon and R 10am-noon.
 - GEOG 625 W 5.30-8pm. Labs W 10am-noon and W 3-5pm.
 - GEOG 750 R 5:30-8:10 p.m.
 - 3.2. Enrollment and Graduation: Patti D. reported receiving a new spreadsheet from the Graduate School; 34 active students, spring 2015 11 applied, 8 active; degree students have until end of degree to finish the certificate.
Total admits fall '14: 13 or 14 (problems with one in the grad school).
Total admits spring '15: 10 or 11 (again problems with 1 with a hold on his record).
Fall '14 grads: 6. Total number on GIS-certificate student listserv is 61 (but that includes some of us) but we have used that as a proxy in the past as total number of students.
 - 3.3. Policies and Procedures (P&P): Update and discussion by the group. What is the definition of GIS faculty? Who needs to vote on things? Do we want final presentation as part of certificate completion? Bill H. move to vote on GIS Certificate Program P&P during the next meeting. Mark Schwartz had noted a course name correction on the P&S, System or Science. Changshan W. will check. Capstone presentations: Where was this introduced, by Graduate School? L&S? Discussion conclusion: it is workable to have final presentation requirement.
 - 3.4. Program: Update and Discussion
 - 3.4.1. Tier 3: Patti D. asked the committee, when reviewing P&P, think about waivers. Coordinator can request a transcript to confirm a grade in waived course. The Urban Planning Department discussed eliminating tier 3 to eliminate need of waivers, make them electives. Reduce waivers by either eliminating tier 3 or adding to tier 3. Bill H. postponed the vote to eliminate tier 3 until next meeting.
 - 3.4.2. Letters of Recommendation: Discussion revisited from the last meeting. The general sense was that this would create work and/or problems. There are already have problems because students aren't filling out both forms. Next meeting vote: set a deadline for application submission.
 - 3.4.3. Patti D. relayed a quote from the Graduate School:
"...the GIS cert is the most actively sought out certificate from the activity we see in the Graduate School". -Jenna Jazna, UWM Grad School
 - 3.5. Request for waivers: quorum confirmed and proceeded to vote. Request #1: waiver of Tier 1 passed unanimously. Request #2: waiver passed unanimously. Request #3 waiver passed unanimously.
 - 3.6. Patti D. informed the group that she is on partial leave until June 30.
4. Future of GIS at UWM: discussion. Bill H. will retire after the end of the spring semester, exact date not yet decided. Note: there can be no discussion of a formal work relationship with Bill H. for 75 days after retirement. The new Wisconsin budget will be officially announced tonight. The Urban Planning Department plans to participate in the leadership of GIS at UWM, but how isn't clear. Ivy H. and Bob S. have other research so not so GIS focused. The GIS Certificate is on the Geography Department agenda for 2/4/2015. Bill H. is talking to Mick Day, Geography Department Chair. Patti D. proposed a director position to replace coordinator, indicating it needs to be faculty, because communication has been problematic. Patti D. indicated that next fall she will go to 50%, just teaching, not coordinator. It was noted that one needs to be graduate faculty to chair a certificate committee. [Patti D. left the meeting at this point.]
5. Approval of the GIS Council Minutes for 3/12/14 Ivy H. moved, Brett K. seconded, approved without changes.
6. Student Topics/Concerns/ GIS Club & ASPRS Student Chapter: Update
 - 6.1. Geek Week is February 18-25

- 6.2. UWM Hackathon March 28, pantherhacks.org: Donna G. encouraged GIS student participation
- 7. GIS Council (2014-2015)
 - 7.1. Announcements
 - 7.1.1. GIS related presentations on campus:
 - Lara Ghisleni, Archaeology, Feb 6.
 - Wenliang Li, Feb 13
 - Margaret Pettygrove Feb 27
 - Stephen Appel and Peter Armstrong April 3
 - Holzheimer: April 23 Steve Hornsby "Picturing the World: American Pictorial Maps, 1920-1970 "
 - 7.1.2. EdTech Proposals are generally due in the spring and have not yet been announced.
 - 7.2. UCGIS dues: Bill H. instructed Donna G. to pay the UCGIS 2015 dues.
 - 7.3. GIS Day 2014
 - 7.3.1. Greg L. presented the survey results. Donna G. was requested to send the full survey results to today's meeting attendees. The consensus was to review this again during GIS Day 2015 planning.
 - 7.4. Spring Speaker: Donna G. reported a change in timing for the Madison Geospatial Summit which will not allow us to coordinate speakers. Bill H. will check with Jack Dangermond, Esri, if he will attend AAG in Chicago and swing up to visit us. Changshan W. mentioned that the Geography West Lakes speaker, March 27, Qihao Weng, will speak on a remote sensing topic.
 - 7.5. WI Science Olympiad: Donna G. reported that Patti D. was recently contacted by L&S to plan a GIS related activity in April. Nothing has been planned yet.
- 8. GIS Council 2015-2016
 - 8.1. GIS Day 2015 (November 18, 2015)
 - 8.2. GIS Student competition
 - 8.3. ConnectED grant with WI DPI: Donna G. reported on a recent meeting between UWM GIS faculty and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction GIS Leads. That group resolved to submit a proposal for this grant in 2016, as there wasn't enough time to create a proposal by the 2015 deadline.
- 9. Other news/updates? (research, datasets, new hires, etc.)
 - 9.1. Eliza B. reported that AGSL is collaborating with UW-Madison and UW-Eau Claire on a portal for downloads of WI data. This should result in 1 agreement for the entire UW-System. Eliza will be attending WLIA and presenting on this topic.
 - 9.2. Eliza B. reported on an AGSL initiative to georeference scanned maps via crowdsourcing.
 - 9.3. Eliza B. received a professional development grant, a "coding coach" to meet with staff periodically. More information to follow.
 - 9.4. Brett K. proposes to offer an advanced GIS course in geosciences (toolbar driven...). He would like to explore it being offered as a possible elective for certificate/GIS track/major/minor. Zengwang X. will offer a 600 level course to include python in a future semester.
- 10. Recent/Upcoming GIS meetings, events, etc.
 - 10.1. URISA
 - 10.2. NACIS [Genzmer]
 - 10.3. FOSS4G-NA
 - 10.4. GITA WI
 - 10.5. WIGICC WLIA Spring Regional; Fall Regional; Annual
 - 10.6. EWUG
 - 10.7. UCGIS (May DC)
 - 10.8. AAG
 - 10.9. ESRI UC (July, San Diego, CA)
 - 10.10. ASPRS ()
 - 10.11. WI Geospatial Summit (April 20, 2015; Madison) [Genzmer]
- 11. Other
- 12. Next meeting : Donna G. will send out a doodle poll for a meeting in about 4 weeks
- 13. Eliza B. moved, Brett K. seconded. Adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Genzmer