

# GIS Council

## MINUTES

4/2/15 1:08 pm

### AGSL

1. Attendees: Eliza Bettinger, Donna Genzmer, Ivy Hu, Bill Huxhold\*, Connie Jo, Brett Ketter, Ricky Kubicek, Greg Latsch, Julee Mitchell, Bob Schneider\*, Mark Schwartz\*, Paul Vepraskas (by phone), Nick Weber\*, Ken Woodall, Changshan Wu\* [\*designates GIS Certificate Advisory Committee (GCAC) Member]
2. Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm and introductions commenced.
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the GIS Council Minutes for 3/2/2015: Motion by Bill H., seconded by Brett K. and unanimously approved without changes.
5. GIS Certificate Committee: discussion led by Bill H.
  - 5.1. Announcements:

Graduating students should submit online Verification Form
  - 5.2. Policies and Procedures: Update and vote (attachment)

Connie J. expressed concern that the Learning Outcomes in Appendix D were too numerous for reasonable assessment. A Subcommittee on Assessment has been created, consisting of Connie J., Bill H., Donna G., and Jeff Guenther. A copy of the current survey should be attached to the Policies and Procedures.

Donna G. recommended that the GCAC approve the Policies and Procedures, understanding that sections such as Student Admission and Advising Processes and Responsibilities and Assessment will need to be revised immediately.

Mark S. moved to approve the GIS Certificate Program Policies and Procedures with changes, Bob S. seconded and it was unanimously approved.
  - 5.3. Program: Update and Discussion (attachment) [Hux]

Bill H. and Donna G. discussed the impact of Graduate School Proposed Certificate Program changes (attachment). The Graduate School committee will revisit the proposed changes in the future. No action was taken.

The Subcommittee on Assessment was charged with determining if Tier 3 should be eliminated as a separate requirement and those courses be added to the list of electives.

A specific application deadline will not be added for this Certificate.
6. Student Topics/Concerns/ GIS Club & ASPRS Student Chapter: Update led by Greg L., Julee M., and Nick W.

Five students have expressed interest in the Esri UC. They have been encouraged to apply for Student Assistantships. Donna G. will follow up with UW-System about acquiring additional complimentary registrations above the 3 UWM is allotted. Karra Barnes, Julee Mitchell, John Schroeder, Michel Salach, Nelida Cortes

The GIS Club Spring Speaker is scheduled of Monday April 27, 2015. "A day in the life of a GIS specialist at an environmental engineering consulting company" Danielle Lee is a GIS Specialist working for Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S) in Madison. Location: AUP 183

Donna G. requested faculty to provide her with a list of graduate student final presentations open to guests, for posting on the website.
7. Future of GIS at UWM: discussion led by Bill H.

Beginning May 18, 2015, Donna G. will chair the GIS Council and Changshan Wu will chair the GIS Certificate Program.

Donna G. reported on the success of the US Census Bureau workshops on campus. Ryan Dolan, USCensus is willing to hold more, in varying formats.

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Paul V. expressed interest in the access and efficiency of the campus GIS server. Donna G. will contact Paul V. and discuss further, perhaps also calling a meeting of that subcommittee.

8. GIS Council (2014-2015)

The following GIS related presentations are scheduled on campus:

Stephen Appel and Peter Armstrong April 3

Holzheimer: April 23 Steve Hornsby "Picturing the World: American Pictorial Maps, 1920-1970"

Census Bureau Workshops: recap March 10, March 12; Donna G. reported on the success of the US Census Bureau workshops on campus. Ryan Dolan, USCensus is willing to hold more, in varying formats.

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Eliza B. offered a QGIS workshop for Digital Humanities and will be offering one at the School of Freshwater Science.

Fundraising Update: Donna G. expressed caution for the next 2 fiscal years. She anticipates departments will not be able to continue their financial support of the GIS Council at their current rates due to the anticipated University budget reductions.

EdTech Proposal update: Donna G. reported 2 proposals were submitted and we are waiting for the evaluations to begin.

Hux Retirement: Save the Date May 21, 2015. Ivy H. and Bob S. will be sending out registration forms shortly.

Bill H. reminded the group that the PUPS course still needs graduate students to serve as paid instructors.

Spring Speaker: canceled for this year.

WI Science Olympiad: GIS will not be participating this year.

9. GIS Council 2015-2016 - tabled.

10. Recent/Upcoming GIS meetings, events, etc.

- URISA
- NACIS [Genzmer]
- FOSS4G-NA
- GITA WI
- WIGICC
- WLIA Spring Regional; Fall Regional; Annual
- EWUG
- UCGIS (May DC)
- AAG (Chicago)
- ESRI UC (July, San Diego, CA)
- ASPRS ( )
- WI Geospatial Summit (April 20, 2015; Madison) [Genzmer]
- Other

11. Donna G. will circulate a doodle poll to determine the next meeting in approximately 4 weeks.

12. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. Moved by Bill H. and seconded by Mark S.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G Genzmer