

GIS Council

MINUTES

5/7/15 noon

AGSL

1. Attendees: Eliza Bettinger, Donna Genzmer, Ivy Hu, , Bill Huxhold Brett Ketter, Julee Mitchell, Mark Schwartz, Changshan Wu, Zengwang Xu
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. GIS Certificate Committee discussion led by Bill H. Quorum confirmed.
 - 3.1. Waivers/substitutions: Vote –both approved.
 - 3.2. 2015/16 Certificate Committee chair, and 2015/16 Coordinator. Bob S. nominated Changshan W. for Committee Chair, Ivy H. seconded; approved unanimously. Changshan W. nominated Donna G. as Interim Coordinator until September 2015, Ivy seconded; approved unanimously.
 - 3.3. Announcements:
 - 3.3.1. Graduating students should submit online Verification Form if they intend to graduate.
 - 3.3.2. GIS Chili: June 7, 3 pm at Bill H.
 - 3.3.3. Assessment update: Committee needs to provide information. Meeting will be scheduled for next week. A matrix has been shared and faculty need to complete. Meeting should be scheduled before 5/26, via Doodle poll. Donna G. was instructed to invite GIS community for assessment and other changes to the GIS Certificate program. Julee Mitchell supports Cartography as a requirement. [Ivy H. and Bob S. departed at this point.]
 - 3.4. Program:
 - 3.4.1. Policies and Procedures: Bill H. provided an update. Policies and Procedures were approved by both Geography and Urban Planning Departments. It needs to go to Deans, and the department chairs will send. Donna create copy with lines for signatures and send to Changshan W. and Bill H.
 - 3.5. Applications, Enrollment and Graduation: Update
 - Grads December 2014: Nelida Cortes, Anne Geldreich, Theresa Glowacki, Kevin Korth, Bridget Suda, Martin Ziech; May 2015: Dylan Baier, Brian Kent, Doug Pibal, Sara Phyfer, Michal Salach, Zac Stencil, Elizabeth Yogerst; Julee Mitchell, Kristian Vaughn (GIS Emphasis)
4. Approval of the GIS Council Minutes for 4/2/2015 approved without changes. [Mark S. arrived at this point.]
5. Student Topics/Concerns/ GIS Club & ASPRS Student Chapter: Update
 - 5.1. Esri UC registration: Karra Barnes, Julee Mitchell, John Schroeder, Michal Salach plan to attend.—Donna G. will send codes for complimentary registration to students.
 - 5.2. Club Spring Speaker: Julee M. recapped Danielle Lee’s presentation. The Club still need officers.—send more emails to other groups: Geography Majors and incoming Certificate students, Criminal Justice and Business School.
6. GIS Council (2014-2015)
 - 6.1. Announcements
 - 6.1.1. Fundraising: Update. Donna G. remarked that the UWM budget reduction will probably impact donations next year.
 - 6.1.2. EdTech Proposals: update. Two proposals were submitted and awards have not yet been awarded.
 - 6.1.3. Hux Retirement: Event scheduled for May 21, 2015.
 - 6.1.4. Donna G. inquired about Geography 647: ArcGIS Programming with Python, and Zengwang responded that it is going to the Graduate Course and Curriculum Committee soon. This course covers concepts, skills and materials GIS Certificate students have been requesting verbally and in the exit survey. This course should be included as a Certificate Elective after it passes in the GCAC.
7. GIS Council 2015-2016

- 7.1. GIS Day 2015 (November 18, 2015) Donna G. will chair with help from Geography and Urban Planning students.
- 7.2. GIS Student competition: Ivy Hu will chair.
- 7.3. ArcGIS version for next year: GIS faculty request 10.2.2; Mark S. noted that IDRISI has a new name. Zengwang X. noted that Geography 215 will be taught online this summer, software comes with the book.
8. Other news/updates? (Research, datasets, new hires, etc.) Eliza B. taught QGIS to Lubar School of Business. Eliza B. has a Digital Humanities grant: they need a mentor. AGSL needs student employees. Donna G. was directed to send a letter to the Brazilian Exchange program sponsoring students at UWM.
9. Adjourned at 1:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G Genzmer