

GIS Council

MINUTES

04/24/2017 10:30 a.m.

AGSL

1. Attendees: Stephen Appel, T. Chakraborty, Glen Fredlund, Donna Genzmer, Greg Latsch, Brian Nichols, Bob Schneider, Wei Xu, Zengwang Xu
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: February 29, 2016: approved.
4. Student Topics/Concerns/ GIS Club & ASPRS Student Chapter: Update from Wei X and T.C.
 - 4.1. The GIS Club purchased a GPS unit and will schedule training by the vendor soon. The club was not able to obtain additional funding for other activities but will try again next semester.
5. GIS Certificate Advisory Committee
 - 5.1. Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2017 -tabled
 - 5.2. Donna G. Provided updates. Current enrollment in the program is 23 students. Applications are coming in at a reasonable rate. Application activity is greater later in semesters compared to graduate degree programs. Three students completed in December. Donna G. Is waiting for the Graduate School to send the list of students completing this semester. The GIS Certificate Advisory Committee reviewed quite a few student petitions and approved a program change, adding Criminal Justice 520 as an elective.
6. GIS Council (2016-2017)
 - 6.1. Fundraising: Donna G reviewed the Council's finances, which is in good standing. UCGIS dues have been paid for 2017.
 - 6.2. AGSL update was provided by Stephen A. Stephen's LTE position is in place until September. AGSL has been working on metadata and the digital archiving of data. Stephen A gave 11 outreach presentations and has held a number of workshops through the Digital Humanities Lab. Stephen A also directed our attention to the Lib Guide for GIS Data on the website.
 - 6.3. Stephen A briefed the Council on his project, along with Dan Sierks, L&S IT, for Geocoding with the High Performance Computing Cluster. It is in the testing stage for geocoding accuracy. More news will be coming.
 - 6.4. EdTech Proposals: Donna G. submitted a proposal for the Campus GIS web server. The major change is that it will become a virtual server housed in the UWM Data Center. Kurt Meingast will continue as the Project Manager.
 - 6.5. Donna G reminded the group that the campus is eligible for 4 complimentary admissions for the Esri UC. Currently 1 student is interested. Donna G will email this to the campus GIS community.
 - 6.6. GIS Day 2016 Recap was provided by Greg L and Donna G. Attendance was greater than 200. Greg L is currently processing the event survey.
 - 6.7. Donna G announced that she and Kate Madison, UWM Center for Economic Development, have been accepted into the PoD (Power of Data) Facilitation Academy: <http://www.pod-stem.org/> They will organize training for ~30 grade 6-12 teachers to be completed by July 1, 2018. The plan is to involve campus GIS graduate students in the training, providing them with summer support.
 - 6.8. SP degree [??] (Sustainable Peacebuilding?)
7. GIS Council 2017-2018
 - 7.1. Donna G proposed the campus move to ArcGIS version 10.4.1 for teaching next year. Those in attendance agreed. Donna G will notify UITS to install this version in the classrooms and in the campus computer labs.
 - 7.2. The Council expressed a desire to hold GIS Day 2017 (November 15, 2017). Donna G agreed to chair the event but requires a lot of help. Ideas for a keynote speaker was discussed including Luc Anselin.
 - 7.3. Bob S agreed to chair the GIS Student competition in 2017. He will advertise the Competition before the end of the semester.

7.4. The Council also discussed the possibility of a Spring Speaker, possibly piggybacking on UW-Madison's Symposium Keynote speaker.

8. Donna G reminded those present about the WLIA student scholarship.

9. The next meeting will be a GIS Day organizing meeting during the summer.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Genzmer