

GIS Council Meeting
11/11/2021 1:00 pm

Attendees:

Brett Ketter – Geosciences
Steven Appel – AGSL Library
Eric Burant – Anthropology
Nick Weber – Anthropology
Susan Borchardt – Geography
Gregory Latsch – Freelancer
Rebecca Konkel – Criminal Justice
Brian Nichols – Anthropology
Robert Schneider – Urban Planning
Neal O'Reilly – CES
Amir Forati – Geography

Meeting called to order at 1:05

1. April 26th, 2021 minutes approved by unanimous consent
2. Old business and Updates
 1. Account Updates
 1. S. Appel reports that he now has full control of the GIS Council accounts that have been transferred from L&S to the Library. S. Appel can get help with accounting from the library business office.
 2. Updates from Departments
 1. The AGSL has hired Georgia Brown as Public Services Librarian and is in the process of hiring a new Library Assistant-Advanced to replace Kay Guildner who retired. AGSL is building a GeoPortal using GeoBlacklight to allow the GIS data that the AGSL holds to be searchable including scanned maps.
 2. N. O'Reilly from CES mentioned they were trying to garner more CES minors and suggesting getting the GIS Certificate to those who already have taken several of the courses it requires.
 3. R. Konkel in Criminal Justice said they were teaching the same two courses, one in ArcPro and one in Arc Desktop. They intend to phase out the Arc Desktop soon.
 4. B. Ketter from Geosciences mentioned he was teaching his Advanced GIS course this spring and would like to get the word out to other departments.
 5. S. Appel asked N. Weber to update the “Contact Us” on the GIS Certificate site as it still has Donna Genzmer as the primary contact.
 6. R. Schneider asked about getting transcripts fixed that don't reflect having finished the Certificate Program.
3. GIS Club Update
 1. GIS club renewed their membership through the University. Nothing else much to report.
4. GIS Certificate Update
 1. C. Wu was not in attendance and this discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
5. UCGIS
 1. The UCGIS dues discussion has been tabled until C. Wu is in attendance. There was some discussion at the previous meeting about only getting a basic membership or

possible enter a consortium with Madison and/or the State System.

6. Email Lists

1. gis@uwm.edu is now owned by S. Appel and B. Ketter. B. Nichols explained there was an easy process to bring in a CSV file of emails into the listserv. gisgrads@uwm.edu has been taken over by C. Wu. There was some confusion as to who was handing the gisjob@uwm.edu listserv. N. O'Reilly proposed getting the jobs onto the GIS Council website as a centralized place for students and to allow all GIS Council member access to the GIS jobs listserv. B. Nichols mentioned that Anthropology had a similar system set up by Cheryl Totty in the L&S Web and Data. A form would be filled out by an authorized person to post jobs from various Departments that are GIS-related.

7. Software for Classes and Labs

1. N. O'Reilly discussed the switch from ArcCollector to Field maps for those who may not have known.
2. The general consensus was that ArcGIS Pro was being used for all but a couple of classes on campus. Some courses were giving assignments using QGIS or Desktop.

3. NEW BUSINESS

1. Spring GIS Event

1. B. Ketter suggested having an in-person event for students to network and be able to showcase their research, either in electronic or poster form. Tentatively this event would take place on a Friday in April (the 8th?). This would make it easier for many people to not have class or get off of work to make the event. Having a dedicated hour to student poster was suggestion to ensure better participation among the attendees.
2. There would be no competition in terms of prize money but there could be certificates for the "best in show" given to participants.
3. It was suggested that we return to the rotating talks that were once held where attendees could choose which talk they would like to attend. The talks would be about 20 minutes long. These could also be done remotely allowing flexibility in presenters.
4. The workshops would be held on the two days prior to (April 6-7th?) to give some flexibility to those who would like to attend.
5. The times, number and content of the workshops has not been determined at this time. A separate GIS Day Planning meeting will be held to discuss the details.
6. It was suggested to look into possible revenue streams with sponsorships for the event.

2. EdTech: GIS Server

1. B. Ketter said he would follow up with K. Meingast as to the status of the GIS Server and submitting the proposal in spring.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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