

GIS Council Meeting Minutes – Fall 2007 Meeting 1
Sept 18, 2007
11:00 am – 404 Old Main

Present: Stephen Matthews, Shawn Hough, Wayne Myers, Marcy Allen (for Stephen Woods), Wang-Chien Lee, Brady Stroh, Eugene Lengerich, Doug Archibald (for Rick Day), and Tina Enderlein

Not Present: Rick Day, Frank Derby, Doug Miller, Michael Behney, and Mark Gahegan

Guests Present: Larry Gorenflo

A. GIS Council Issues

1. Motion to approve the April 25, 2007 GIS Council meeting minutes. Motion approved. Meeting minutes approved as written with one minor change by Stephen Matthews.
2. Nicole Ernst, HACC, presentation – GIS Nonprofit concept. Nicole is looking to launch a student based multi-college organization that coordinates short term GIS projects and services that benefit PA communities. She is looking for the interest level and support from PSU before taking the project to the next level and refining the concept.
3. GIS Transition Letter – Wayne Myers discussed the transition letter that was sent to department heads and deans in July. Tina Enderlein received interest from Larry Gorenflo, Doug Archibald, Guoray Cai, Eric Kirby, Tim Murtha, and Henry Lin in participating on the Council.
4. GIS Training Initiative – Discussed focusing on the Research Initiative sub-committee for the time being. The training workshops are being offered for the fall and spring semester for 2007-08 starting in September.
5. GIS Research Initiative – Wayne Myers solicited volunteers for the development of sub-committee for bridging GIS Research. The meeting will take place in October and the findings will be reported back to the Council at the next meeting on Nov 7. Brady Stroh, Wang-Chien Lee, and Shawn Hough volunteered to serve on the sub-committee. Larry Gorenflo and Doug Archibald also expressed interest. The meeting will be an open meeting.

B. Research Opportunities

1. UCGIS Summer meeting update. David DiBiase discussed the summer UCGIS meeting held in June at Yellowstone National Park. David reported that UCGIS is a worthwhile organization for PSU to be involved in participation and he feels that the University should remain part of the organization. David discussed the Body of Knowledge project he worked on while representing PSU as a delegate to UCGIS.

C. Public Relations

1. GIS Day, Nov 19, 2007. PSU will host middle school students from local school districts.

D. Other Business

1. Other Business – Wayne Myers discussed ideas to implement dual degree with a GIS component he is working on with Brent Yarnel. The program will be co-taught by Forestry and Geography.
2. Closing Comments –The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by:
Tina Enderlein