

**GIS Council Meeting Minutes – Spring 2006 Meeting 1**  
**April 20, 2006**  
**10:00 am – 404 Old Main**

**Present:** Doug Miller, Stephen Matthews, Wang-Chien Lee, Stephen Woods, Eugene Lengerich, Shawn Hough, Wayne Myers, and Tina Enderlein

**Not Present:** Rick Day, Frank Derby, Brady Stroh, Michael Behney, and Mark Gahegan

**Guests Present:** Stewart Bruce

**A. GIS Council Issues**

1. Motion to approve the January 26, 2006 GIS Council meeting minutes – meeting minutes approved as written.
2. GIS Training Initiative – Tina Enderlein, Doug Miller, and Wayne Myers discussed the sub-committee's training initiative recommendations. Tina Enderlein provided a summary of the sub-committee's recommendations on ANGEL and at the meeting. Stephen Matthews mentioned that he is concerned about the training initiative's cost recovery aspect. Wayne Myers and Doug Miller stated that cost recovery is going to be captured ideally not directly by the graduate student, but by the Department or faculty members the graduate student is engaged in research. Discussed other training programs across the University. Wayne Myers stated that he would like to see the initiative build bridges not create empires. Doug Miller and Wayne Myers stated the projected recovery costs would be minimal in the range of \$20-50 per student. Doug Miller stated that he would hope to see that the instruction goes through the different units, which some may not need cost recovery such as in the case of EMS where fixed-term faculty members are looking to do service projects for the University and would do instruction on a voluntary basis. Wayne Myers mentioned that the new Forestry Building will have a GIS Lab that he can make available for use in the training service.
3. Rick Day / Stewart Bruce – Request for input for reformatting of the 2007 GIS for Local Gov't Conference – Stewart Bruce provided a handout on the 2005 GIS for Local Gov't conference. Attendance was down from 278 at the 2004 conference to 207 attendees at the 2005 conference. Also the conference lost funding support from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Stewart Bruce stated that they feel they need to broaden the conference in order to attract more funding support and participants.
4. Status Geospatial 2006: Power of E<sup>3</sup> – Education, Employment, and Economic Development – advancing partnerships in geospatial technologies between government, industry, and academia – The event has taken a direction to possibly include the rollout of the Geospatial Intelligence certificate program that will be released in October 2006. After the report on the GIS for Local Gov't conference by Stewart Bruce, Doug Miller stated that we should explore converging of this event with the GIS for Local Government conference that was cancelled for 2006. Doug Miller suggested that Stewart Bruce work with Tina Enderlein to set up a meeting between the two groups to develop a more diverse and broader event.
5. Update on GT Governance Model Review Meeting Date – New legislation is in draft form for future consideration. The PA GIS conference in May 2006 will feature a discussion on what's new on this topic and the development of a State GIS Council. Doug Miller asked Brady to track where the new proposed legislative bill is and plan to bring up so we can get in at the right time and received information and provide feedback in the role of education sector in the Geospatial

Council. Possibly look at November / December 2006 as a time frame to invite Jim Knudson and / or Mike King from LORL to Penn State for a discussion / presentation.

6. Update TeleAtlas Agreement – The TeleAtlas agreement is up for renewal in June 2006. To date the Council has recovered \$1800 of the original \$5000 cost of the agreement. Discussed options for getting pricing for national coverage and for the states surrounding PA. Tina Enderlein is going to get price quotes from TeleAtlas for just Dynamap transportation for PA, Dynamap Transportation for PA and the surrounding states, and Dynamap Transportation for the nation. Stephen Matthews stated that we need a workshop from TANA if we go ahead with the national dataset. Tina Enderlein stated that in September 2005 TANA did a demo of their products and it was not well attended about 13 people attended the session. Stephen Matthews mentioned SSRI's funding program (Level II up to \$20,000) that he will be submitting to purchase a data set for Philadelphia. Stephen mentioned that the University has money set aside for resources such as data purchases. Stephen Matthews stated that recommendations be made to Karen Bierman and Bill Easterling for such site license agreements to be funded every year by the University as a core information requirement for the discipline.

## **B. Research Opportunities**

1. Funding Agencies / New Funding Opportunities – Tina is looking for a grant(s) to apply for the training initiative and to help obtain funding for the Council

## **C. Public Relations**

1. GIS Website transition – the GIS at Penn State website is in transition of being moved to PSIE from the Gould Center. Stephen Matthews suggested developing a training calendar for the Education page of the website.

## **D. Other Business**

1. Closing Comments – Doug Miller announced that he will be stepping down from the Co-chair position of the Council at the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2006). However, he plans on still being involved in the development of the GI Training Service and the GIS event. Doug is planning on putting pressure on his department to nominate a tenure faculty member to participate in the Council.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

*Submitted by:*  
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