

GIS Council Meeting Minutes – Fall 2006 Meeting 2
November 7, 2006
10:00 am – 404 Old Main

Present: Stephen Matthews, Stephen Woods, Brady Stroh, and Tina Enderlein

Not Present: Rick Day, Doug Miller, Frank Derby, Michael Behney, Wang-Chien Lee, Wayne Myers, Shawn Hough, Eugene Lengerich, and Mark Gahegan

Guests Present: Stewart Bruce (representing Rick Day)

A. GIS Council Issues

1. Motion to approve the September 21, 2006 GIS Council meeting minutes – tabled until the January 23 due to a lack of a quorum. Stephen Matthews suggested that the Council consider adopting attendance guidelines for the meetings.
2. Election of New GIS Council Chair – Wayne Myers has been elected the new co-chair of the GIS Council and Brady Stroh is taking Mike Behney's place as the other co-chair.
3. FY 2005-06 Annual Report – Stephen Matthews feels that the annual report need some wording changes and should reflect that that Council's activities for FY 2005-06 focused on the training initiative rather than promoting GIS-related research. Stephen Matthews would like to see the Council promoting research more than training. Meeting scheduled for Dec 5 with Nan Crouter, Bill Easterling, Wayne Myers, Doug Miller, Mike Behney, Tina Enderlein, and Stephen Matthews will discuss the Council's goals for the upcoming cycle. Stephen Matthews suggested an idea for the Council to promote GIS Research – at the annual spring 2007 graduate exposition award a prize for the best Geospatial methods poster such as 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$150, and 3rd - \$100. Other ideas include GIS Council sponsoring a monthly coffee hour with a GIS-related speaker some internal and some external.
4. GIS Budget Report – Tina Enderlein went over the budget report posted to ANGEL.
5. GIS Training Initiative – Stephen Matthews suggested updating the Introduction to GIS to ArcGIS 9.2 software and demo the software rather than having static slides during the workshop. Other suggestions include emphasizing in the workshops how to create a data set, how to incorporate and analyze geospatial data, and more social science examples. A possible idea for the training initiative is to include something on how to write a grant that incorporates GIS.
6. Rick Day / Stewart Bruce – The GIS for Local Gov't conference will not be held in 2007. They are looking to work with other units at UP that are interested in doing an academic conference to present their research. Stewart Bruce willing to spearhead an academic conference / forum for faculty and graduate students.
7. Promotion of GIS in Research with budget constraints – focus group –modified Level I and II Seed Funding – A meeting is set up for Dec 5 with Dr. Easterling, Dr. Crouter, Stephen Matthews, Wayne Myers, Mike Behney, and Tina Enderlein to discuss the goals for the Council in the upcoming cycle.
8. Update on GT Governance Model – Status same as last year. At the May 2007 Annual PA GIS Conference a tract on the conference second day will address this topic.

B. Research Opportunities

1. Audrey Huerta, EMA, Level II funding proposal request for the development of a GIS-based system to characterize the role of glacial erosion in mountainous topography – Discussed the

project update provided by Audrey. Suggestion made for Audrey to re-submit her Level II funding request for consideration documenting the need she still has for the funding at this point in the project considering she has made some progress in the past year.

2. 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 Day 2006- Nov 15, 2006 – Tina Enderlein discussed the GIS Day activities at UP – these include a full day of GIS learning activities for Mt. Nittany Middle School students.

D. Other Business

1. Closing Comments –The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by:
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