

**GIS Council Meeting Minutes – Spring 2007 Meeting 1**  
**January 23, 2007**  
**10:00 am – 404 Old Main**

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

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

**Guests Present:** none

**A. GIS Council Issues**

1. Motion to approve the September 21, 2006 and November 7, 2006 GIS Council meeting minutes. Motion approved. Meeting minutes approved as written.
2. FY 2005-06 Annual Report –Final report submitted to Bill Easterling and Nan Crouter on Jan 5, 2007. A copy is available on ANGEL. Briefly discussed appointing a replacement from Anthropology to take over Dean Snow’s position on the Council. Anthropology is currently looking for a GIS-related faculty member to start in fall 2007 – Stephen Matthews suggested that this could be a potential replacement for Dean Snow on the Council.
3. GIS Budget Report – Tina Enderlein went over the budget report posted to ANGEL.
4. GIS Training Initiative – Wayne Myers provided a summary of the meeting he, Doug Miller, Mike Behney, Stephen Matthews, and Tina Enderlein had with Bill Easterling and Nan Crouter on December 5, 2006. Wayne stated that he got two things as action items for the Council out of the meeting one being a needs analysis for the training service and second developing a bridging mechanism between the social and environmental sciences for additional interdisciplinary research grant submissions. Wayne Myers recommended developing two sub-committees to take on the tasks of these primary objectives. Wayne nominated Doug Miller to chair and coordinate the research bridging activities and Stephen Matthews to chair and coordinate the needs analysis for the training subcommittee. Stephen stated that his preference is the research bridging committee – so would not mind serving on both subcommittees. Wayne Myers would like to start both subcommittees in parallel and combine Council and non-Council members with commitment from everyone involved. Everyone on Council should be involved. Wayne Myers will circulate emails looking for suggestions – pull in people who are not GIS people. Council members volunteered/appointed to following subcommittees:

***1. Training Needs Assessment subcommittee:***

Chair: Stephen Matthews  
Members: Steve Woods  
Gene Lengerich

***2. Research Bridging Activities subcommittee:***

Chair: Doug Miller  
Members: Stephen Matthews  
Wang Chen

5. Promotion of GIS in Research within budget constraints – (Level I and II) Wayne Myers suggested leaving the Level I type untouched and rewriting the goals to for the Level II to match the visionary efforts in GIS and to elevate the level of dialogue for Level II proposals to include criteria that supports large multi-disciplinary projects rather than small projects. Motion made and passed unanimously to change the Level II criteria. Wayne Myers will work through Tina Enderlein to update the information on the website.
6. 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 – Requested update on her progress since the initial submission last fiscal year – Wayne Myers and Tina Enderlein discussed with her the progress she has made and the request was funded in December 2006.
2. Donna Peuquet, Geography and 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate representing the University at UCGIS, Level I request for funding to attend the UCGIS Winter meeting in Washington, D.C. in February 2007. Voted on Donna’s requested, vote passed unanimously. This request although documented as a Level I, is considered to be more of an operational expense rather than a Level I request.

## **C. Public Relations**

1. GIS Day 2006- Nov 15, 2006 – Tina Enderlein discussed the GIS Day activities at UP – this year coordinated a full day of GIS learning activities for 16 students at Mt. Nittany Middle School. Discussed GIS Day activities for 2007. Suggestions were to target another group by getting a larger lab or multiple labs across campus. The new Forestry Building GIS lab has 35 seats – possible to have 2 students per computer. Other suggestions include combining ideas of the past to use as a recruitment tool by visiting different school districts during Geography Awareness week in November 2007 or serve a broader group of students have a half day session with teacher and distribute free items such as software available at no cost to teachers for their classrooms. Stephen Matthews will send out an email to the Council members with some free GIS-related software links. Tina will add the free software links and information to the GIS website’s software page.

## **D. Other Business**

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

*Submitted by:*  
Tina Enderlein