

GIS Council Meeting Minutes – Spring 2008 Meeting
April 17, 2008
1:00 pm – 404 Old Main

Present: Stephen Matthews, Shawn Hough, Wayne Myers, Eric Kirby, Maurie Kelly, and Tina Enderlein

Not Present: Michael Behney, Marcy Allen, Wang-Chien Lee, Brady Stroh, Eugene Lengerich, Rick Day, Frank Derby, and Doug Miller

A. GIS Council Issues

1. Motion to approve the March 4, 2008 GIS Council meeting minutes. Motion approved. Meeting minutes approved as written.
2. GIS Council Review Committee – Wayne Myers gave an update on the review committee being assembled to evaluate the GIS Council. PSIEE Director Tom Richards is now in the processing of contacting and assembling the committee. Wayne believes it will be by the end of the fall 2008 semester when the committee will finish its work and report its findings and/or recommendations.
3. GIS Training Initiative – Spring 2008 GI Training Summary Report is being assembled and will be available on ANGEL. Wayne reported Kristen Brubaker will be running the 229 FRB computer lab starting summer 2008 rather than Kate Gordon.
4. University Libraries – Lion GIS – Maurie Kelly discussed her idea of Lion GIS repository to make digital mapping datasets available through the Maps Library. Wayne suggested a joint presentation to introduce the concept to the PSU GIS community sometime in May. Tina will coordinate with Maurie and Marcy Allen to set up an event with light refreshments.
5. GIS Research Initiative – Discussed the idea of a GIS Potential Opportunity Thrust or GIS-POT with the purpose of gathering intellectual capital to conceived projects and collaborations. Brady Stroh volunteered as the point of contact for the GIS POT. Brady was unable to attend the meeting, but will give updates via email.

B. Research Opportunities

1. Creation of a GIS Consulting Service – Continued discussions for the development of a consulting service center.

C. Public Relations

1. PA GIS Conference, May 14-15, 2008, Camp Hill, PA. Lidar preconference workshop to be May 13, 2008.

D. Other Business

1. Other Business – Stephen Matthew reported that the department of Anthropology hired two assistant professors both have an interest in GIS and remote sensing and that the SSRI GIA Core is currently interviewing for a new manager.
2. Closing Comments –The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. Next Council meeting will be scheduled for the fall semester starting in September.

Submitted by:
Tina Enderlein