

Geomatics Advisory Board
Engineering & Industry Building
Room: EIB 413
Date: Friday, April 29, 2016
Time: 8:00AM – 10:00AM
Minutes: Sandra Medina, GEO Admin

1. Call to Order- 8:05am

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Roll Call

Attended:

Nathan Wardwell
Tom Newman
Michael Schoder
Terri Morganson
Paul Brooks
Jeff Yates
Steve Buchanan
John Koltun
Steve Schmitt
Jim Sharp (on the phone)
Kevin Quinn (on the phone)
Owen Dicks (GSA)
Taylor Dosch (GSA)
Caixia Wang (UAA)
John Bean (UAA)
Jeff Hollingsworth (UAA)
Gennady Gienko (UAA)
Bill Preston (guest)
Jennifer Dowling (guest)
Stan Moll (guest)
Brian Gutzwiller (guest)
Don Davis (guest)

Excused Absences:

Eric Gabrielson

Unexcused Absences:

Bob Palowski

4. Approval of and changes to Agenda

Michael motioned to approve. Tom Newman 2nd. Approved.

5. Approval of minutes from February 15, 2016 meeting.

Michael motioned to approved minutes, Tom Newman second. Approved.

6. Old Business and Reports

- a) GEO Dept. Updates: Please see *Attachment 1* for detailed information. Department will be moving to new building in Early August. Mandatory advising is working well for department. Outlook for the next year: GEO labs in the renovated building will be slightly bigger, new Geomatics Measurements lab, faculty offices will be in the same location as

before. ABET visit is in October. Jeff Hollingsworth is leading the effort. The ABET committee will be interviewing Advisory Board members, notifications will be sent to members to coordinate meeting. Possibly be able to purchase new laser scanners for fall 2016 semester. Of the 11 graduates, all were BS degrees, majority are working already, either part-time or full-time. Compared nationally, our GEO program is amongst the highest in the Nation. The budget: Due to hard economic hardship, the University will be eliminating 500 FTE positions. Sixty programs will be eliminated system wide. Our program should be okay, as we are the only program in AK. UA system will implement a 5% tuition increase in the fall. Students at UAA will be facing a 20% differential tuition increase in the fall 2016 for all College of Engineering courses only. Michael Schoder commented that Representative Jim Colbert is a good ally for Geomatics in the State. Strategic Pathway is still active. Implementation will be underway in the next 30 days. For more details on Strategic Pathway visit <http://www.alaska.edu/pathways/> Gennady handed out a second attachment. Geomatics department established in 1971, we turn 45 this year. Gennady is asking the AB members to help with his faculty history list. Contact Gennady directly with any information you may have.

- b) CoENG AB Report: Paul Brooks attended. Advisory board meeting held on Friday, April 22, 2016. President Jim Johnson joined the meeting via video conference. He mentioned a \$70 million cut to the University. Twenty percent of the cuts will come from the Administration. Dean Barlow gave a good report: the sense that the College is in good shape, has good support from the legislature. Good student presentation. GAB should have a student presentation at our meetings. Possibly for next meeting. Renovations are underway of the ENGR building. As is the parking garage. Next CoENG AB meeting is September 9, EIB 413, 7am.
- c) GSA Update: Owen Dicks introduced the new president, Taylor Dosch. Membership is up again, 42 members. Had two meetings since February. Dean Barlow joined us in a meeting to discuss the financial issues underway. Had another outreach event at Wendler Middle School. Had 40 volunteers at the AK Surveying conference. New officers: Taylor Dosch, President, ? Vice-President, Rachel Eytalis is Secretary. There is a project to redesign the new GSA logo. Taylor Dosch: Excited for student outreach, asking for the AB members to have a student shadow them for a day, if interested please email Taylor: Bill Preston does the TrigStart project at high schools. Terri is happy to help with connections.

7. New Business

- a) Discussion of potential new members to replace vacancies: Looking at the Bylaws, we can have 18 voting members. Michael Schoder made a motion to invite the guests here today as members: Bill Preston, Jennifer Dowling, Stan Moll, and Brian Gutzwiller.

Paul Brooks 2nd motioned. No objections. Motion approved. Nathan will invite other interested candidates to the next meeting.

8. Additions to Agenda

9. Schedule next meeting

Next GAB meeting to be in the fall: possibly September 16, 8am start.

10. Adjournment- 9:30am

Nathan motioned to end meeting. Meeting adjourned.