



**School of Engineering  
Department of Geomatics**

**GEOMATICS Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2010**

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Location: UAA Library, rm 302A

Time: 8:00am – 10:00am

Present: Paul Brooks, Don Davis Jr., Luke Boggess, Tony Follett, Susan Dickerson, Gennady Gienko, Tom Knox, , John Bean, Bill Hazelton, John Oswald, John Koltun, Jim Sharp, Beth Rose, Rebekah Khachadorian, Patrick McCormack, Jim Sharp, Duane Heyman, Rob Lang, Paul Dukas, via conference call - Joel Nudelman, Eric Gabrielson, Angela Parsons

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1. Welcome – Paul Brooks
2. Amendment to the agenda – Paul Brooks  
Beth Rose added to the agenda. Agenda approved.
3. Board Vacancies – Paul Brooks  
Kimbal Forest and Craig Shavlik have resigned from the board. Nathan was recommended by John Oswald. A motion was made, seconded and approved. Teri Morgansen was mentioned as a possible candidate to represent the GIS community
4. Recognition of Don Davis Jr.'s retirement as of May 2010 – Paul Brooks
5. Fall Enrollment – Don Davis Jr  
Don reviewed fall enrollments in classes and applications for the program
6. Geomatics trust accounts and new scholarship:  
Don reviewed who the recipients of scholarships were and who received tuitions waivers for this fall  
Beth Rose shared the thank you letters from the recipients and reviewed the endowment numbers for the Geospatial Geomatics scholarship. To date there is 50% of the total endowment and a 20% board match.
7. Trimble Agreement:

John Bean shared that our department has not received any communication from Trimble and that we may start to look for other equipment resource vendors.

8. Short Courses:

John Bean and Gennady Gienko discussed success of short courses.

9. K-12 Outreach and Website:

John Bean discussed the programs in which he and UAA students are involved - 10 Schools, 14 classes from Wasilla to Girdwood spanning 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school. Content centers on GIS, mapping and surveying. He expressed the need for funding to continue and discussed the possibility of teacher training workshops through PACE.

Tom Knox mentioned Stan Sears as a possible contact for John. There was discussion of the changes in ANSEP

Gennady discussed his Museum project involving 4 UAA students as well as his rural Alaska outreach program involving 3 UAA students. Paul Brooks encouraged contact with the Boys Club as they may be interested in Geomatics activities to fulfill merit badges. Eric Gabrielson mentioned ½ day school, ½ day work programs with high school seniors. Angela Parsons mentioned having programs during the summer months.

10. AELS - Don Davis Jr.

Don shared that he has not heard from AELS probably due to a change of personnel. Jim Sharp mentioned that the organization is favorable toward change in education. Rob Lang mentioned that the Board of Regents was waiting to approve any new programs until a later date.

11. Geomatics positioning and Orientation – Don Davis, Bill Hazelton

Bill Hazelton was announced as the chair-elect. Bill shared his perspective of strategic positioning vs. strategic planning and that the department goals include heading toward a graduate program.

12. Girdwood update – John Bean

John shared that 8 of his advanced surveying class students had been participating in the project during Spring 2010 on the California Creek and Micro Hydropower projects led by Orson Smith. They had been helping with a feasibility study in conjunction with Mechanical and Civil engineering students. Work included stream gaging and wind power studies.

13. SOEAB Update – Rob Lang, Tony Follet

Rob shared news of the new engineering building. A study is being conducted using IRA consulting out of CA. He brought to light that the UA Engineering Plan which evaluated the number of degrees produced did not include Geomatics in the contract. October 11<sup>th</sup>

Pat Gamble will be meeting to discuss the engineering building project.

14. UA Statewide Corporate Programs – Duane Heyman

Duane explained how his program can assist the department of Geomatics through contracting capabilities and training the workforce. Rob Lang extolled the accomplishments of the program and emphasized the value in providing CEU's for companies. Eric Gabrielson also mentioned the potential in native training programs

15. GEOSA – Becky Khachadoorian

Becky and Patrick McCormick were introduced. Becky shared the intent of the club to expand student involvement and that students will be taking a more active role in ASMC. Patrick shared current enrollment is 37 members. John Oswald mentioned that there exists an opportunity for a student to attend the Hydrographic Surveying Conference for free. Becky shared the GSA student involvement in the Portage Pass project. Paul Brooks spoke for ASPRS' welcome of student participation and that student membership will be funded. Luke Boggess directed attention toward the conference and the space provided for the students attending the conference.

16. New Business

Tom Knox brought up Internship possibilities. Susan addressed how postings are handled for opportunities.

UAA Advancement - Beth Rose

Beth Rose commented on Homecoming efforts for UAA. She also discussed the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Open House celebration.

Paul Dukas shared of his pending move and therefore his future inability to teach at the university. He mentioned that Mike Schoder had been appointed lead DSD.

Gennady shared of the new GIS minor in place as of this fall 2010 and its success.

17. Time and place of the next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2011 at the Hilton.

18. Meeting adjourned.