



**School of Engineering
Department of Geomatics**

**GEOMATICS Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2011**

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Location: Hilton Hotel

Time: 1:30 – 5:00

Present: Paul Brooks, Don Davis Jr., Luke Boggess, Tony Follett, Susan
Dickerson, Gennady Gienko, John Bean, Bill
Hazelton, Eric Gabrielson, John Koltun, Joel Nudelman, Jim Sharp,
Rebekah Khachadorian, Terri Morganson, Tom Newman

Guests present:
Tim Kent, Pat Kalen, Bob Pawlowski

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1. Welcome – Paul Brooks
2. Introduction of new members:
Welcome to Terri Morganson and introductions
3. Amendments to the agenda:
GSA and Gala Affair moved to Item #4
4. GSA – Becky Khachadorian
Reported on GSA enrollment and that Ian Brown received
the hydrographic award
5. Don Davis Jr's retirement and recruitment
Susan reviewed the advertising venues thus far. It was
suggested to also advertise in POB print. Discussion of
credentials ensued.
6. Spring Enrollments – Don Davis Jr
Don reviewed spring enrollments noting they showed an
increase of 23.3%.

7. Trust accounts

Bill Hazelton gave a report of the trust accounts as follows

- Excellence in GIS - \$22,000, almost fully endowed
- Topcon – \$500 per year
- Oswald - \$6,000 to spend with the principle at \$44,000
- Sidney Henderson – UA awarding with no input from original Board.
- Lounsbury – is awarded through the SOE, Geomatics is given \$2,000 to distribute
- 34 tuition waivers were dispersed

8. Trimble lab and equipment

John Bean reported that there is no agreement or interest on Trimble's part to pursue one. Surveyors Exchange has helped substantially. Faculty is looking to other vendors for support. Tim Kent echoed John's experience with Trimble. A current student implemented a bar code system for checking equipment in and out of the lab.

9. Short Courses

Faculty gave a recap of their short courses. Approximately 95% of the participating students are current UAA students. Discussion ensued about building enrollment from within. Brown bags lunches were discussed as a strategy in place for disseminating information further to UAA faculty and students. Discussion of stacked courses ensued. Bob Pawlowski offered his services to teach a hydrographic short course.

10. K-12 Outreach

John Bean reported that K-12 outreach had funding, this year there is not equipment funding but there is student worker funding. Discussion about Map-Teach ensued and that Palmer has funding for teachers. John discussed plans to teach teachers through the PACE program this spring. Discussion of a graduate course on how to integrate GIS/GPS into classes ensued.

11. GIS Day Extended

Gennady reported on GIS Day Extended on Feb. 26th

12. Marketing

Bill Hazelton reported on the recruiting trip to Minnesota and illuminated that the trip's intent was to expand marketing to include collaborative efforts between northern, mid-west 2-year programs. A suggestion was made to investigate WUI schools also. Paul and Tony volunteered to talk with Alaska Airlines about a deal for students.

13. 4-year degree requirements

Discussion ensued about where the crux of the issue lies. One side holds that the experience track is valid, the other side points out that current equipment precludes the opportunities for the experience track and that a 4 year degree is necessary for training.

14. BS in Geomatics program educational objectives

Bill Hazelton provided a handout outlining objectives to be measured, out-puts versus degree requirements, and solicited feedback which will then be incorporated in and reported to ABET via the report.

15. SOE Board update, engineering building

Tony and Paul gave an update on the SOE Advisory Board activities to gather support and funding for a new Engineering Building at UAA. The Board of Regents has approved funding for the preliminary design of the new building. There was discussion as to the building process up to this point in time.

16. Alaska Geospatial Forum

John Koltun and Susan Dickerson gave a report on the forum, its intended purpose and the benefits it can provide to the Geospatial community.

17. Internship program

There was discussion of the drawbacks of requiring students to integrate internships in to the curriculum. During economic down turns it is difficult to place students to meet the requirements.

18. New business

Paul Brooks expressed for Beth Rose her apologies for her absence. Beth did provide a report on the Trust Account to Bill Hazelton.

19. Next Meeting will be in April

