



GEOMATICS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2005

Location: UAA Consortium Library, Room #302A

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Report By: Diane Saelee, Administrative Assistant, Geomatics

Proceedings:

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Paul Brooks shortly after 8:00. A quorum was present.

Item No.1 – INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone around the table introduced themselves.

Item No. 2 – DEPT. OF GEOMATICS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Paul Brooks asked Don Davis to introduce Diane Saelee as the new Administrative Assistant in the Department of Geomatics.

Item No. 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Don Davis suggested that all the attendees should be included in the minutes. Everyone agreed.

Item No. 4 – ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Steve Buchanan mentioned that GIS courses have dropped 13% in the fall with an overall drop in Geomatics of 11% between last and this year.

Item No. 5 – ABET UPDATE

Don Davis said that a Request for Evaluation Form must be submitted to ABET in January 2006. An interim report detailing all of the weaknesses and deficiencies must be submitted to ABET by July 1, 2006.

Item No. 6 – FACULTY RECRUITMENT

Don Davis announced that “Cherie’s” position (GIS faculty) is put on hold and “Stan’s” position (Surveying faculty) is now on the web without knowing when it will be approved. Everyone suggested that the Geomatics Advisory Board Committee should draft an aggressive/ dramatic resolution, hand delivered, with everyone’s signature, to the Chancellor stating that this position must be approved as soon as possible since it is tied to the ABET. The letter should also address the duration of the position vacancy. The committee also mentioned that they should push for both positions. Don Davis added that two years ago, there were two GIS faculty, totaling four, and now, there are only Steve Buchanan and Don Davis with overloaded duties. Orson Smith mentioned that there are over 90 students enrolled in the School of Engineering with an overall doubled enrollment this fall so School of Engineering is in desperate need of more faculties.

Item No. 7 – BLM ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT/ANSEP

John Sroufe reported that BLM offered School of Engineering \$50,000 for the next four to five years. The funds are designed to assist Native American recruitment, mainly towards ANSEP. School of Engineering received \$50,000 last year, totaling \$100,000. There was a detailed agreement made between BLM and School of Engineering. The committee discussed that the ANSEP program is the most effective way to educate the Native Americans and that the native corporations and other groups should help support this by getting them involved.

Item No. 8 – SOEAB ACTIVITIES

Paul Brooks reported that the School of Engineering Advisory Board held a meeting and was addressed by Chancellor Maimon. She reported a need to support the UA budget and told us that the priority for UAA was a new building and meeting higher energy costs. She made no mention of increasing teaching resources for the SOE.

Item No. 9 – COMMITTEE REPORTS**Item No. 10 – INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Orson Smith mentioned that there will be a career/job fair in the spring (February 7, 2006) and that all students are welcome to attend. Steve Buchanan also suggested that the students should be released from classes to attend this event.

Item No. 11 – GEOMATICS AT HIGHLAND TECHNICAL H.S.

Don Davis informed everyone that Rob Lang suggested that we go directly to the high school to do a presentation advertising the upper courses.

Item No. 12 – PDH COURSES IN GEOMATICS

Don Davis announced that he will be working this summer to develop some courses (curriculum) to run as a 1-2 day weekend seminars. Don asked the committee members to assist him with some input as far as what should be addressed in these classes.

Item No. 13 – OLD BUSINESS**Item No. 14 – NEW BUSINESS****Item No. 15 – TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The committee discussed that it would be more convenient for everyone to meet on Wednesdays. The meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, 15-FEB-2006, at 9:00 a.m., at Anchorage Hilton.