

**University of Florida Geospatial Task Force**  
**Minutes of 9/24/14 Meeting**  
**429 Library West**

**Attendance**

Task Force Members Present:

Peggy Carr, (Chair) Landscape Architecture - College of Design, Construction and Planning  
Erik Deumens, Research Computing  
Joe Aufmuth, UF Libraries, ICGIS (Interdisciplinary Concentration in GIS), FRC  
Lily Elefteriadou, College of Engineering and UF Transportation Institute  
Renato Figueiredo, iDigBio  
Mike Kutyna, UF Apps  
Michael Binford, Geography – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Bob Swett, Institute of Food and Agricultural Science  
Alexis Thomas, Geoplan Center, College of Design, Construction and Planning  
Paul Zwick, Urban and Regional Planning – College of Design, Construction and Planning  
Jaclyn Hall, Clinical and Translational Science Institute, College of Medicine

Members Absent:

Reed Beaman, iDigBio/National Science Foundation  
Betsy Shenkman, Clinical and Translational Science Institute, College of Medicine

Others present:

Crystal Goodison, GeoPlan Center (Reporting Minutes)

**Introductions**

Task Force meeting opened with an introduction of Task Force members present, their areas of expertise, geospatial interests, and units they represent. Members present include representatives from colleges and units around campus engaging in geospatial teaching, research, or service. Task force is not meant to be an exclusive group, but rather a starting place to work on the charges set forth. Representatives are asked to communicate with their relative units/ departments for ideas and feedback.

**Review of Task Force Charge**

Need to define what it means to be “in the forefront of research universities that create, disseminate, and apply geospatial information”. What are the goals? What are we trying to create? What does the structure of a spatially-infused university look like?

Need a more refined mission statement. Can we look to other universities for models? Check USC Spatial Sciences Institute for possible direction. Also need to clearly communicate that we are including imagery and remote sensing in addition to GIS.

- *Peggy, Lex, and Crystal will work on developing a mission statement*

### **Review of Draft Work Plan**

#### 1) Research Dollars:

Approximate geospatial research dollars. Out of the \$702 million in research on campus, how much has a geospatial component? Strategy: develop list of PIs doing geospatial, query active projects, and verify geospatial component. Group agreed to look at 5 years of research funding: 2010 – 2014.

- *Each member to submit a list of PIs you know who are using GIS in their work.*

#### 2) Courses, Enrollments and SCHs

Develop list of existing geospatial courses. With help from Registrar, approximate enrollments and SCHs generated for the last 3 AYs.

- *Binford will compile initial list of existing courses.*
- *Each member to inquiry in their units for new geospatial courses under development and associated projected enrollment and SCHs.*

#### 3) Institutional Entities and Organization

Develop list of existing entities within UF that have relationship with geospatial information.

- *Joe volunteered to compile list.*

Is another group/entity needed within UF for long term coordination and promotion of the creation, management, and dissemination of geospatial information? Group is investigating a centralized network or infrastructure that supports a distributed system of geospatial research, teaching, and service.

### **Summary of Assignments:**

- Peggy, Lex & Crystal - Develop Goals & Mission statement for Task Force
- Mike Binford – Work Plan 2(a) Compile the initial list of existing courses for review and augmentation by task force members. The target date for completion: 3 October.
- Joe – Work Plan 3(a) Develop list of existing UF Institutional Entities & Organizations. The target date for completion: 3 October.
- Everyone:
  - Please send a list of all PIs you know who are using geographic information in their work. Please submit this list by close of business 3 October.
  - Each task force member is asked to inquiry in their units of new courses under development and the associated projected enrollment and SCHs. The target date for completion of this task is also 3 October.