

University of Florida Geospatial Task Force
Minutes of 10/22/14 Meeting
429 Library West

Attendance

Task Force Members Present:

Peggy Carr, (Chair) Landscape Architecture - College of Design, Construction and Planning
Lily Elefteriadou, College of Engineering and UF Transportation Institute
Mike Kutyna, UF Apps
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
Paul Gader, Chair of Computer and Information Science and Engineering
Crystal Goodison, GeoPlan Center (Reporting Minutes)

Task Force Members Absent:

Jaclyn Hall, Clinical and Translational Science Institute, College of Medicine
Michael Binford, Geography – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Erik Deumens, Research Computing
Joe Aufmuth, UF Libraries, ICGIS (Interdisciplinary Concentration in GIS), SFRC
Renato Figueiredo, iDigBio
Grenville Barnes, Geomatics, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, IFAS

Introductions

New member: Paul Gader, Chair of Computer Information Science and Engineering

Review of PI List

- Business school is not represented
- Still need to reach out to PPHP (Peggy will do)
- Need to add Departments for some PIs (Crystal will look up)

Geospatial Course List

Reviewed and discussed Barney's diagram "Primary Geospatial Disciplines at UF"

- Lily – what is the criteria for determining each of the circles/ categories?
- Paul – maybe not use diagram. Will everything think they belong in the inner circle?
- Lex – Could use this diagram/ approach to help identify/ categorize course needs.
- Bob – Diagram could be divisive. Maybe structure it differently (bar chart with number of courses per department).
- Peggy – proposes a 3-tiered categorization of courses:
 - Courses where geospatial techniques are taught

- Courses where digital geospatial data is applied
- Courses using maps but not necessarily doing analysis/GIS application
- Group consensus: Move forward with 3-tiered approach for categorizing courses

Review Mission Statement Document

- Members cleaned up language for consistency
- Paul G – Question - what is geospatial? Does this include imagery and imaging? Members said yes imagery/ imaging is included.
- Paul G - Group of individuals (under goals bullets). How will this group interact with Informatics Institute? Perhaps member of geospatial committee could sit on informatics committee to act as a liaison
- Peggy – What about including a student on this task force? Maybe too late in the process.
- Lily - Now in fact finding phase, perhaps better to include in future steering committee

Review Call for Journal Articles

- Joe sent call for abstract – Special Issue of JMGL on Geospatial Data Management, Curation, and Preservation. Abstract (500 words) – due Nov 15
- Group consensus: this may be premature. In the 5-year plan, we should address data curation needs (from research, education, etc), but if any individual members of the task force or a sub-group wish to submit an abstract there will be no objection from the group

Other

- Bob – when reviewing PI list – got some feedback on what people are using GIS for. Thinks it would be good to include that in our materials.
- Next assignment – submit tangible examples of GIS work (want a variety). Peggy will send template.
- Next meeting: big brainstorming session on geospatial needs, what have the obstacles been?

Assignments:

- Everyone – submit tangible examples of GIS work/ projects/ coursework. Peggy will send template.