

CGMA
Council for Geospatial Modeling and Analysis

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Notes
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1. *Introductions*

a. *Welcome: Jacqui Frair, EFB*

Jacqui provided a brief overview of her interest areas in dealing with spatial analysis of large mammals

2. *Spatial version of Research Times*

a. *Status*

The Research Times provides funding opportunities of interest to researchers at ESF. This distribution focuses on new or updated announcements. Linda Galloway is willing to put together one focused issue of a Spatial Research Times. This would not only look at current funding opportunities but would also look at previously listed opportunities that include specific keywords of interest. Linda is not able to do this on a regular basis, but is willing to do so once. Please send me any keywords you think are relevant to your study areas that you would like to see included in this search. I would like to have that list compiled by the end of next week (16 Feb) to submit to Linda.

3. *Introductory GIT Course*

a. *Feedback from Faculty units*

LA: Kathy Stribley provided feedback via e-mail. The LA faculty had no major objections and seemed to support the proposal. One area of concern was lab times since LA juniors and sophomores are already in lab many afternoons. The GIT course will have multiple lab sections and we should be flexible enough to provide options that work. A second concern was that this course should include urban applications. The intent of the course is to serve as a multidisciplinary course so this shouldn't be an issue. A suggestion was made that potentially some of the labs might have a single set of goals, but could allow the students to work with different sets of data focused on their area of interest. This would require support e.g. from faculty members to provide data.

EFB: Jacqui Frair said the proposal had been presented to EFB without any major objections. Comments were requested to Bill Porter

ERFEG: LJQ reported no major objections. The presentation of the proposal as an ESF course was considered appropriate.

FRNM: Eddie Bevilacqua reported general support. FNRM have interest in the course being offered as a FOR XXX, though this didn't seem to be a deal-breaking idea. FNRM does want to ensure that the course does continue to have a significant natural resource component, which again seems to fit with the course goals.

b. Presentation for Faculty Governance

Need to be clear that this course is being proposed because CGMA discussions have shown faculty want the course. It is also important to clarify that this course will serve as a prerequisite for many existing courses on campus. Other courses that could incorporate spatial concepts do not because the students don't have the background knowledge.

c. Draft proposal for COI

LJQ will follow up with Larry Smart regarding the formal submission of the proposal. Can it come from CGMA or does it have to come from a faculty unit? If it is offered for two semesters with different instructors, how should this be listed?

Could use section "Relation to Curriculum or other courses" to clarify the potential application areas e.g. covering both urban issues and natural resources.

d. Other ideas

Software: any freeware options available? Generally considered that ArcGIS isn't going away, and having the students exposed to that is important in terms of follow on courses. Possibly could look at alternatives to replacing Idrisi, particularly given recent difficulties in terms of licensing.

TAs requirement: GIT course proposal lists three TAs per semester. Faculty units would have to recognize that supporting the program would have resource implications. To maximize efficiencies, labs would need to be completed within the lab period, and would need to be structured such that grading was not a time sink.

4. Other topics

a. GIS Certificate program

Will appear on the next CGMA meeting agenda. LJQ received another call about this today.

b. Password for access to NYS GIS Clearinghouse data

Paul Szemkow will distribute to CGMA members with reminder that any students that require access should be directed to Paul to sign the waiver. The password should be shared judiciously.