

GIS-UAS - Advisory Committee Minutes, Fall 2024

Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Number of Attendees: 11

Called to order: 5:05 pm

Adjourned: 5:45 pm

Chairperson: Ethan Lacher

Recorder: Jennifer Woods

Location: ATC 108 and Zoom

Members present from industry: Mike Casman, Vectors; Serri Grube, Valley High School; Ethan Lacher, KA Surveys/Vexcel Group; Melodee Saiz, APS

Members present from CNM: John Beltran, Instructor; Morgan Cartwright, Instructional Tech; Eric Ghahate, Design Cluster Chair/CM Instructor; Erin Johnson-Kruft, Interim Dean; Ashley Prelo, Outreach Mgr. WCS; Jennifer Woods, Academic Tech Asst.; Su Zhang, PT Instructor

Next scheduled meeting: To be decided for spring 2025

I. Welcome/Introductions: Ethan started the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

II. Minutes: Minutes from the spring 2024 meeting approved as written.

III. Reports:

- 1. College Updates:** Erin reported: There is a lot of new construction going on at Main campus. Also, the ATC campus will undergo some renovations. We are finalizing the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. This will include a lot more data collection between credit and non-credit and academic affairs and student enrollment services. The WCS will continue to be expanded. Erin started her role as Interim Dean for STA on July 1. The new VP of Education and Learning is Amardeep Kahlon. There is another bond proposal on the ballot for the upcoming election. This bond will help fund a new and expanded Makerspace on Main campus.
- 2. Enrollment and Graduation rates:** John said that the certificate now has 21 credits instead of 35. The GIT Associate degree saw some changes too. More electives were added, which includes UAS classes. There are 22 students in his GIS Intro class, and the Intro to UAS has 23 students. Every term, there will be three main courses offered; GIS 1118, GIS 1002, and GIS 1005. These classes are the foundation for moving on in the program. In UAS the only class that was cancelled was UAS 2020, due to low enrollment. We are interviewing for a part time GIS instructor.
- 3. Equipment:** We have new equipment on order using Perkins funds. We are expecting a new aerial Lidar package with a high-end drone, which we are really excited about. Erin mentioned that any of our capital projects on campus are accessible to students for touring, or participation on the job site. We are also looking forward to getting our student interns onto these job sites.

All of the desktops in the GIS lab were swapped out for higher-end computers that can handle large data sets.

IV. Old Business NONE



V. New Business: Ashley talked about the WCS (Workforce Community Success) division. She helps our business partners with recruitment needs, and can help create career events, tabling sessions, and work-based learning opportunities. Employers can get up to \$12.00 an hour to help pay for interns, up to twenty weeks. Ashley can help with all the necessary paperwork. There is also a job posting board. On October 30 is a career event on Main campus. To learn more, contact Ashley at aprelo@cnm.edu.

Erin talked about CIPR (College-wide Integrated Program Review). This is a deep-dive look into all of our programs in order to assess what is working, and how to improve programs across the college. There are three designations for each program. Sustain, Grow or Fix. In all three categories, a lot of support from the college is implemented, such as marketing, recruitment, additional faculty (HR) or help with costs.

VI. Reports from Industry Members: Melodee reported that the APS website features CNM faculty job postings. On October 4 is the Heavy Equipment Rodeo. For more information, please contact Melodee at Melodee.saiz@aps.edu. at Expo New Mexico. She is planning on hiring 300 interns and near-peer tutors, although APS did not receive as much money as they wanted.

Serri said at VHS there are two showcases, and was wondering if someone from CNM could attend the fall showcase, first week of December. She would like to hear more about career events at CNM designed for HS students. Serri can be reached at grube@aps.edu

Ethan said he is always happy to talk to new hires.

VII. Adjournment: 5:45 pm