

SVT IAC Meeting
15 April 2005

Present: Carlton Brown (EMCC), Robert Liimakka (UM Lab Instructor), David Hilbern (RISPLS), Joe McNichols (ACSM-NES), David Titcomb (Board of Licensure), David Cook (MSLS), Ken Roy (BLM), Claire Kiedrowski (Photogrammetry), J. Michael White (GIS), Tim Peloquin (NHLSA), Andy Tupper (CALs)

Missing: Tim Patch (VSLS), Richard Vannozzi (MALSCE)

1. Introduction of committee members
2. Ray reviewed the position to fill document. David Dvorak has submitted the position to fill documentation through the Dean to the Provost. Committee members asked questions about the qualifications required to fill the position. SET faculty requirements were reviewed along with the needs of the SVT program. SET requires a surveyor license, three years of experience, and a M.S. degree in appropriate discipline. SVT requirements depend on the teaching areas.
3. The current and future enrollment of the SVT program were discussed. At this time enrollment exceeds 40 students. Enrollment is expected to be approximately 50 students by the Fall semester 2005. The goal is to get two students from every New England state. David Titcomb asked if any student could enroll in a course. Any student can enroll in a course if they meet the prerequisites for the course.
4. The SVT courses are offered in a three-hour block on one day in order to aid students working part time.
5. Funding was discussed along with the commitment of professional societies. SET took a 30% funding cut. SVT has utilized the contributions made by professional societies (SEFNE) and BLM for scholarships, equipment, and recruiting.
6. Two faculty rooms were provided by SIE along with a large room (229 BD). Ray will move his photogrammetry equipment from its current location to 229 BD. Ray and Knud will move down to the two new faculty rooms and turn over their rooms to SIE. The current ACSM room must be devoted to faculty.
7. Carlton Brown is teaching two AutoCAD classes to SVT students. The first course is devoted to AutoCAD. The second CAD course will focus on Land Development Desktop. David Titcomb asked if students could get a student version of AutoCAD. Ray said they could purchase a "light" version for about \$300 but it prints "For Educational Purposes Only" on all plans. AutoCAD is available on five computers in the SVT room (123 BD).
8. Employment of students is looking very good. All students that want summer jobs can find them. A few students choose to go back to non-surveying jobs on their own initiative.
9. The next capstone project is to map the parcels and trails for the Orono Land Trust. The previous capstone project was to map the parcels in the Hirundo Land Trust. The students discovered one parcel was sold twice.
10. The SVT minor is very successful. The largest contingency is Forestry, followed by CMT and CIE.
11. Student comments were discussed. There was no major concerns expressed by students or the IAC. It was agreed that with the addition of a third faculty, photogrammetry would move from forestry to surveying.

12. Scholarship funding was discussed. There will be four scholarships in the near future: Greulich, Ferguson, Alumni, and Titcomb.

Secretary pro tem

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