

University of Maine
Surveying Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting
Arthur St. John Hill Auditorium, Room 165
Friday, April 10, 2009

Meeting Convened at approximately 3:15 PM EDT
Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM EDT

IAC Members Present

David Brandt	Ray Hintz	Shep Sheppard
Carlton Brown	Claire Kiedrowski	David Titcomb
David Cook	Scott McDonald	Rich Vannozzi
Knud Hermansen	Joe McNichols	R. Michael White
David Hilbern	Jason G. Racette	

The Surveying Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee (IAC) convened its meeting in the Arthur St. John Hill Auditorium, Room 165 following the School of Engineering Technology Awards Reception which was held in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building, Room 100.

Ray opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. The IAC members quickly began commenting on Dean Humphrey's remarks about establishing an engineering center near Bath Iron Works and the amount of money the University was spending on the project. Dean Humphrey made it sound as if the University was flush with cash, but it is not. The Dean is trying to raise funds for the School of Engineering Technology by tripling the "add-on" fee for engineering classes from \$150.00 to \$450.00 per class.

The Surveying Engineering Technology Program (SVT) will have its own photogrammetry lab in the Advanced Manufacturing Center because SVT was able to raise the \$50,000 the Dean required for the Program to have its own lab. The lab is not ready at this time for SVT to move in, but the IAC agreed this may be the best time to begin transferring the funds from SVT to the School of Engineering Technology.

Carlton Brown will be teaching Carlson software during the fall semester. It should prove to be a little easier for the students compared to using AutoCAD software.

Students are currently taking one GIS class in the Forestry Department. There are other GIS classes available, but this is the class SVT students tend to take.

The instructor who teaches Business and Professional Communication (CMJ 257) will be retiring soon and there are no plans at this time to replace the instructor. There will be other classes offered to students to fulfill the requirement normally satisfied by CMJ257. This class was one of the classes the IAC asked SVT to include in the curriculum. The IAC agreed to prepare a letter for Dr. John Sherblom, Chair, Department of Communication & Journalism, explaining the importance of this class to the SVT curriculum. Jason G. Racette, agreed to send the letter on behalf of the IAC. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

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In general, the students who are searching for permanent employment following graduation or summer employment have not been able to locate jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason G. Racette, PLS
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