

**University of Maine**  
**Surveying Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**SVT Computer Lab, Boardman Room 123**  
**Friday, November 4, 2016**

Meeting convened at approximately 11:00 AM EDT  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 PM EDT

IAC Members Present

Carlton Brown	Dave Humphrey	Jason G. Racette
David Cook	Joe McNichols	Shep Sheppard
Knud Hermansen	Garth McNally	David Titcomb
Ray Hintz	Tim Patch	Rich Vannozzi

Guests

Elwood Ellis, State of Maine Board of Registration  
Chris LaMotte, Student  
Gerard A. Racette, Jason's Father

Ray opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Elwood Ellis of the State of Maine Board of Registration. Mr. Ellis presented the UMO SVT Program with the NCEES 2016 Surveying Education Award. This award is granted to ten surveying programs throughout the United States who are doing an excellent job promoting the surveying profession. Mr. Ellis complimented the faculty and the IAC members for doing such a fine job with the UMO SVT Program.

Ray said special thanks go to Mr. Ellis and Ms. Lisa Hani of NCEES, both of whom visited the UMO SVT Program earlier this year.

Knud had many kind words for Mr. Ellis and thanked him for all the support he has provided to the UMO SVT Program.

Ray asked the IAC if UMO should consider offering the SVT Program online. Earning a degree online is challenging for many students because of the self-discipline required to complete the work and remain motivated. Ray highlighted the excellent work of Joe McNichols who earned his SVT BS degree online, and is now enrolled in the Professional Science Master's Program. Nice work Joe!

There was a discussion about offering a certificate program online in addition to the complete BS program, for those students who are interested in taking surveying classes but may not be interested in earning a Bachelor of Science Degree.

There is a benefit to taking courses online. E-Tuition is 125% of In-State tuition and the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) is 150% of In-State tuition.

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If the UMO SVT Program is offered online, students will need a mentor to guide them and monitor the labs which are required for certain classes.

The IAC is supportive of insuring the program remains ABET accredited if the program is delivered online.

The meeting adjourned and many of the IAC members attended the Dean's Luncheon in the Wells Conference Center, Room 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason G. Racette, PLS