

SVT Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting

April 26, 2019

Attendees:

Tiffany Peterson, Division of Lifelong Learning

David Humphrey, IAC

Louis Morin, School of Forest Resources

Shep Sheppard, IAC

David Titcomb, IAC

Carlton Brown, SVT

Ray Hintz, SVT

Tiffany was introduced as the retention and enrollment specialist and UMaineOnline advisor. Tiffany is handling SVT online undergraduate students while Dagmar Moravec will handle online graduate students. A very interactive discussion ensued regarding the success of SVT online (80 + undergrads, 30+ graduate students) and what role IAC can contribute. Tiffany explained her vision for the future continued success of the online surveying education options at U Maine.

It was announced a candidate has been selected for the new SVT faculty position and now the wait is on for HR to confirm it and the candidate to accept the position.

It was announced that Carlton will be retiring May 2020 so it looks like another SVT faculty search will occur next academic year. IAC members recognized Carlton for his outstanding contributions to SVT.

It was announced U Maine SVT students received 4 of the 15 NSPS national scholarship awards.

It was discussed that perhaps the future of surveying graduate education could be an online Masters in surveying engineering housed under the School of Engineering Technology. While the success of the Professional Science Masters is duly noted as successful, not all prospective students are excited for the 9 credits of business graduate courses. The graduate SVT course offerings will soon be of a number where a more traditional masters education could exist.