

**SURVEYING & GEOMATICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 9, 2014**

**3:00—5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Room: HSC 139**

**Members Present:** Weston Dorszynski, P.L.S., Committee Chair, City of Vancouver Survey Dept.; Larry Goble, P.L.S. P.E., Western Federal Highway Administration; John Thomas, P.L.S., WDOT, Retired; Jeff Lynch, City of Vancouver; Mike Swanson, Olympic, Mt. Hood National Forest Service

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Matt Faulkner, WH Pacific; Chris Sherby, MacKay Sposito, Inc.

**Members Absent:** Janet Wilkins, Bureau of Land Management; Ken Paul, P.L.S., Clark County Public Works; Doug Boheman, Clark County Public Works

**Clark College:** Tim Kent, P.L.S., Surveying Program Coordinator/Professor; Tina Barsotti, Professor of Engineering; Indra Wijayratne, Instructor; Erielle Lamb, Instructor; Peter Williams, Dean of STEM; Rachele Bakic, Interim Director of Academic Services; Andreana DiGiorgio, Secretary Sr., Advisory Committees

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Weston Dorszynski at 12:05 p.m.

*A motion was made to approve the May 8, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the members.*

**Office of Instruction updates**

Interim Director of Academic Services, Rachele Bakic introduced herself and began with the advisory committee website & updated handbook – She told the committee that Clark College has a new web content manager and showed members how to navigate from the main page of the Clark website to the advisory websites. The committee handbook has been updated with new information. She said they can find the member nomination form on page 12 of the handbook. Members can nominate using the form or call or email Andreana to begin the new member process.

**Perkins funding award.** This year the college was awarded $608,925 in Perkins funding. Rachele explained that Perkins dollars help fund CTE curriculum development and revision, advising, tutoring, disability support services and computer lab support for CTE students. Of those dollars, approximately $32,214 in summer curriculum projects was awarded. Due to a decrease in funding level and the commitment to fund other initiatives, there are no Perkins equipment dollars this year.

**Worker retraining award.** The award was $1,023,198. Most of the funding supports faculty salaries, instructional techs, financial aid and advising support.

**Credit for Prior Learning (CPL).** – Rachele reported that the focus of CPL is on course challenges and reviewing incoming industry certifications. Students may be assessed through various processes that will determine the degree to which learning outcomes have been met. She said students will be charged a flat fee of $255 for course challenges. This will primarily benefit students taking 3, 4, 5 or 6 credit hour courses. Students requesting a course challenge for a 1 or 2 credit hour course will not realize the financial benefit but may realize

time savings. Rachele said that a major difference in this and the previous way Clark “waived” courses is that this program will ensure the course(s) are listed on the students’ transcripts with a “pass/fail”. She asked members if they have employees who would like to return to school and want to see what certifications or perhaps life experiences they might receive credit for, to have them contact Kim Marshel, Associate Director of Credit Articulation, at 360-992-2358 or [kmarshall@clark.edu](mailto:kmarshall@clark.edu).

*Advisory Committee Recognition event* – Rachele announced that the College is planning an advisory member recognition breakfast on March 18, 2015 from 7:30—9:00 a.m. Regional economist Scott Bailey will be guest speaker and will give an economic report on the state of Washington and also our region. She told the members to be watching for more information in the coming weeks.

**Director/Division Chair Report**

*Topcon Stations & HP plotters*. Tim Kent reported that they’ve received five new Topcon Total Stations. He said they received Perkins Grant money for three new plotters; two for CADD and one for APH 206. They are HP T920 models.

Tim said he had an opportunity to work with Lisa Christianson who updated the Surveying & Geomatics website. He said the website is much more user friendly and new photos are coming.

Map Projections course discussion. Tim handed out an outline of the program and told the committee that instructor Indra Wijayratne spent 29 years at Michigan Tech teaching in their surveying program. He said he has included a new Introduction to Map Projections course that will help prepare students for the newly numbered Introduction to GPS, SURV 253 course. This Introduction to Map Projections course is a lighter version than taught at Oregon Tech at the 400 level of instruction and will not directly transfer to their program. *A motion was made to change SURV 100 to SURV 253 and change the name from Map Projections to Introduction to Map Projections. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor of the change.*

**Work Plan**

Weston led the committee through the work plan and updates were made where appropriate. Some of the highlights follow.

Tina suggested adding to the work plan to pursue an Associate’s in Applied Technology 2 (AST 2). The current career tech program is not a transfer degree according to the department who determines what is required for an associate, bachelor, etc., at the state level. Tim asked members to send either him or Tina information showing what other states have in terms of four year degrees. Carla said she can get some information and pass it on to them. Tina said she will get data from the Board of Licensing.

ABET Visitation to Cal Poly. Tim will visit Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo in a couple of weeks. This program review is a very expensive, two year process. It is similar to an accreditation process. ABET visits and evaluates the program and lets the college know where the strengths and weaknesses are and whether it can be ABET Accredited. This item will remain on the work plan as ongoing.

Equipment. Change goal to “Pursue new sources for equipment to keep current with industry.” Ongoing.

GIS Discussions with Facilities. Tim will work with the new director of facilities, Tim Petta. He used to be the facilities director of UCLA. Brian Miyake will also work on this in funding the GIS project.

Outreach Plans – Tim asked for handout suggestions. Tina has a Girl Scouts outreach scheduled for November 15. She needs ideas for the “Girlfest.” They also will have a table at the Engineering Expo. Tim said he needs

ideas for small marketing items with the Surveying & Geomatics name on it. Maybe key rings? Tim asked for members’ input.

**Old Business**

Bylaws. The members reviewed the committee bylaws. *A motion was made to change the committee name to “Clark College Surveying & Geomatics Advisory Committee,” add “and adjunct instructors” to Article I, Section 6, remove ex-officio secretary, and add verbiage related to attendance requirement. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.*

**New Business**

Tim said Erielle was working on an annual scholarship that would by funded by the committee members. Tim said he wants to stay away from the smaller scholarships and would like to see a minimum of $1,000. The Clark College Foundation could give some help in setting this up and members can donate with instructions that their money go to the Surveying & Geomatics scholarship. Erielle to head subcommittee with Tim and Tina.

Carla explained that LSAW had $37K in and the LSAW Foundation fund and $5,000 was disbursed to six students. Everyone who applied received funds. A packet is being created by the Clark College Foundation with donation levels. Move due date to May on the Work Plan.

**Next Meeting Date**

Thursday, February 12, 2015 at noon.

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Prepared and submitted by Andreana DiGiorgio