

Date: Friday, January 20, 2012

Present: A. Newman, D.S. Stamps, J. Taber, L. Dahlman, J. Ryan, S. Wdowinski, M. Miller, S. Olds, V. Sloan, M. Berg, M. Weber

Absent: E. Hill, D. Marsland, S. Semken

S.Olds brings meeting to order at 9:05a (MST).

Agenda Items

- I. Update on Director Search – M. Miller
- II. Proposal Process Update – M. Miller
- III. Update on Curriculum Project/Proposal – S. Olds
- IV. Planning EOAC Face-to-Face and Future Teleconferences – A. Newman

I. Update on Director Search

A. M. Miller discussed the direction UNAVCO is hoping to go. Refine the current director position to involve education and community engagements. Focus on strength of program and targeted for membership involve. UNAVCO has taken pieces to other mgmt. to review. The Board strengthened the language in the governance. Almost every board member had a hand in this effort. Also: for the outreach specialist: the need is to engage internationally into position with 3rd focus public facing content of web. Considering faculty buyout –to get broadest pool possible (as we did with other open director). We want the best fit, rather than structure.

Questions/Comments

J. Taber– Could this be a rotator with NSF?

- M. Miller – yes, always dilemma to walk away from tenure to here is strenuous. But don't want to limit to that pool, because there are so many that aren't embedded.

J. Taber – What's the percentage of work time if we went with the faculty buyout?

- M. Miller – half time winter, full time summer, but could be full time buyout depending.

J. Taber – In terms of the outreach specialist, please elaborate

- M. Miller – someone whose focus is on policy making, outside like Ray Willemann @ IRIS and can help ensure community and public web content is coordinated, easy to find etc. Current web people would be more organized and more focused, we need to strengthen the web process. Each of these has come out of sponsor review or committee.

V. Sloan - What is the time frame to hire on each of these?

- M. Miller – post director right away, but need to identify search community and representation from committee. The hope is given the way we are, lot of people can't move around easily. We hope to move more quickly and have a person identified by early to mid April. We are grappling with the position description for the Specialist, but would put it to the EOAC before it went out. By summer 2012, both positions should be filled and working.

II. Proposal Process Update

M. Miller – many things going on in the same direction. We had a good discussion at the business meeting on what we need to focus on, how our external efforts focus now needs to be on making a science case for UNAVCO facility. Drafts of that will come by Feb. 2012. The plan is to have this done before the science workshop. An internal team, (G. Strobel, A.Borsa, B. Stephanus) are working together to produce this. Previously, we didn't have enough built in time off PBO maintenance personnel. Now we are re-estimating the cost of us to continue given the current level of funds. Team is looking for efficiencies, could we work for less? The will identify the space between core projects and future projects. Community Science planning process is to see what we want in next five years. We have identified the geodesy grand challenge, UNAVCO's strategic plan, and the Earthscope strategic plan and have mapped to a working document to figure how much cost. By the science workshop there will be a budget in place. Between April and August we should have a copy edit text in design that will be submitted by September 2012 with a delivering to college freshmen by due date.

A. Newman describes what he writing – a half page, integrating the role of geodesy science and its impact to society.

Questions/Comments

M.Miller – two other things –one converging move is the indirect funding to direct funding to ease move to internal mash enation. Another is the new release from NSF on merit – integration of research and education, which UNAVCO has really embraced.

- A. Newman agrees that this is something to keep in mind, but don't just keep E&O on the outside, work the team in.
- M.Miller says it is a realistic happening in editing, but can point NSF to the release link
- A.Newman agrees, but NSF usually likes a broader impact in highlights.

V. Sloan – Could it be put out there to integrate and shape model structures, then weaving those questions in? J. Taber adds to that question by asking if text could be highlighted between UNAVCO and Earthscope.

- M. Miller - It could by a guide from NSF shared scope, Earthscope Facility, PBO US Array

J. Taber states they have the text written for review; UNAVCO can use for start and would be happy to take first cut.

S.Olds – UNAVCO will continue to ping the committee as time goes on.

III. Update on Curriculum Project/Proposal

At AGU, members of E&O staff and Beth Pratt-Situala, discussed existing curriculum through one on one conversations with people within the community. Discussions were what has been or is currently being used as part of their curriculum. There are a variety of materials out there at different stages of completeness and lots of willingness to share through spring. Beth will be going through the inventory and making a summary that will identify the “low hanging fruit”, what needs massaging, or will need heavy editing. This best example will be submitted to SERC. We would like a partner from a community college, people that have strong pedagogical backgrounds Aiming for a TUES grant, transforming undergraduate education in STEM. We are working to identify and contact future partners. The next step is flushing out a proposal outline. We will work with Andy and others to get the text into something more useable quickly. UNAVCO has support funds to defray cost of that work. Concurrently we will work with SERV to work with the INTEGRATE grant and work with them on assessment. We will develop a team that can go through the process with them.

Questions/Comments

J. Taber – We worked with them this past week, and will share the tools they came up with.

- S.Olds – Much appreciation to the team and the time they have put in so far. Hope to get peek soon? Also thanks to Jeff Ryan for his input at AGU

L. Dahman offers her services to be a tester, of which S. Olds agrees to.

V. Sloan – Is there some plan to look for what already exists?

- S. Olds - Yes, this started with what we already knew about from an ever expanding amount of people. But if anyone knows of other things that exist, please pass what you have along. It is not our goal to be digital library, but have an ongoing string to help identify things.

A. Newman suggest using Grotsinger and Earth, the first two chapters speak of GPS.

S. Olds – The Nova Special: Super Volcanoes – they really acknowledged the GPS component with great graphics that we might be able to use?

S. Stamps – What is the proposal to apply?

- S. Olds – TUES phase 1 due in May.

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IV. Planning EOAC Face-to-Face and Future Teleconferences

A. Newman suggest planning for mid-week face-to-face, before Science Workshop

Val is co-leading field trip so could not attend. Monday would be a better possibility. Committee agrees upon Monday Feb 27.

Committee also agrees to Monthly Teleconferences at 9a on 3rd Friday of each month.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

S. Wdowski – Susan Eriksson mentioned a geodesy education session at EGU. Has the Committee discussed a UNAVCO presence?

➤ M. Miller – not really.

S. Stamps – Will there be draft proposal being sent before the face to face?

➤ S. Olds – We will send what we have so far.

A. Newman thanks S. Olds for her help

S.Olds closes meeting at 9:57a (MST).

Approved