
ISGI Internal Advisory Board September 2018 Meeting Minutes

Location: Davis Hall 327
Date: Sept 25, 2018
Time: 10 am-12 pm

Board Members in Attendance:

1. Bill Poole, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management & Campus Operations
2. Christopher Morris, Department of History,
3. Douglas Klahr, Associate Dean & Associate Professor, CAPP
4. Jim Grover, Professor of Biology and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies
5. John Hall, VP Administration and Campus Operation
6. Karabi Bezboruah, Associate Professor, CAPP
7. Meghna Tare, Executive Director, ISGI
8. Greg Hladik, Director- Parking & Transportation
9. Michael Zaretsky, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering

Minutes:

1. Welcome by Chair, Chris Morris:
 - i. Meeting started at 10:03 am, with introductions by the board members.
 - ii. March 6, 2018 Meeting minutes approved.
2. Update from John Hall
 - i. UT Arlington received the 2018 National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) Excellence in Sustainability Award. UT Arlington received this recognition in July 2018, and information regarding this recognition will be on the NACUBO website.
 - ii. Meghna Tare has been appointed to the National Academy of Sciences Board on Higher Education and Workforce (BHEW).
3. Michael Zaretsky has been appointed as a new Board Member of ISGI. He replaces Stacy Alaimo after she resigned from her position.
4. Michael Zaretsky introduced himself and gave an overview of his work on sustainability issues.
 - i. Discussed the potential of contributing to the two strategic themes of “Sustainable Urban communities” and “Global Environmental Impact.”
 - ii. Discussed potential work in Tanzania, in a community with no water or power, and no permanent healthcare center. Michael Zaretsky is working with a team to develop a healthcare center. CAPP faculty will take students to Tanzania for summer study for studying culturally responsive projects.

- iii. Adrian Parr, Dean of CAPPA, and Michael Zaretsky received a grant to develop a Community Design Center. Objective is to create first seed center for community related projects. Center will relate to both environmental and social projects with a design- build component. The center will work with the Institute for Urban Studies, and will be similar to Engineers without Borders.
 - iv. Success of the other UT Arlington strategic themes are based on primarily research dollars and academic visibility.
 - v. Discussion on the Sustainability minor with an interdisciplinary approach. A lot of progress has been made in sustainability in the operations side of the house, but needs work in the academic side. The Minor in sustainability will not be possible before Fall 2019. Someone or some unit needs to own this program, but due to the growth model funding, the funds from the semester credit hours (SCH) go to the owners of the program, and students are not encouraged to take courses in other departments. Sustainability Minor could be housed in a neutral place like the ISGI. There are other models of funding such as the performance based model, but the President is committed to the growth model through the SCH.
 - vi. Recruitment of students for the Minor: Look at the impact on communities and this can be used to push for recruitment. The University of Rochester identified businesses that are interested, and students are supported to work on sustainability issues identified by the businesses. Students should be introduced to sustainability in introductory courses at the undergraduate level. 1130 could be a model course to introduce sustainability. This is managed by the Division for Student Success. ISGI needs to make recommendations to the entity responsible for 1130 about including courses/ lessons on sustainability. Another part of this discussion is - what does the industry want? That part is missing. If industry requires sustainability experience, then students will take courses that address that need.
5. The list of potential members for the External Advisory Board was presented, and recommendations for Board Members sought.
 - i. By-Laws for the external board members adopted.
 - ii. Reach out to other colleges for faculty representatives on the ISGI board.
 6. Bill Poole presented on the lighting retrofits on campus with SECO (State Energy Conservation Office) funds. The money will be paid back from the cost savings from energy efficient lights. The new lights save energy by about 90%.
 7. Meghna Tare updated the board on the North Texas Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development. The United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) have 17 sustainable goals. The objective of the regional centers is to educate on sustainable issues. A grant proposal with multiple governmental and non-governmental agencies to set up a regional center was submitted by ISGI in Sept 10, the results of which will be notified by December.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2018 Time: 10-12 pm Location: TBD