

ISGI Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021. 1-3 pm (Virtual Meeting using MS teams)

1. Attendees for this meeting
 - a. John Hall
 - b. Mari Duncan
 - c. Greg Hladik
 - d. Don Lange
 - e. Douglas Klahr
 - f. Melanie Sattler
 - g. Christopher Morris
 - h. Meghna Tare
 - i. Gautam Das (Guest Speaker)
 - j. Rebekah Chojnacki (Guest Speakers)
 - k. David Nygren (Guest Speaker)
2. Welcome by Chair, Chris Morris. Meeting started at 1 pm
3. Michael Zaretsky is leaving UTA to join University of Oregon, so he was not present. Meghna will explore adding new board member in the Fall of 2021. There is an interest from Cory Forbes who is joining the College of Education in Fall 2021 to be part of this advisory board.
4. Rebekah Chojnacki presented on the Interdisciplinary Program at Honors College. She reported that currently there are 40 students enrolled in this program. Interdisciplinary Studies (INTS) is a program within the Honors College that allows intellectually curious students to create a degree specifically tailored to the fields of study that interest them
<https://www.uta.edu/honors/ints/index.php>
5. Gautam Das Associate Dean for Research, College of Engineering presented on North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies <https://tradfw.org/ntcmt/>. The Center brings coordinated expertise of Dallas-Fort Worth research universities to tackle mobility technology challenges across Texas. The center:
 - a. Meet with existing and new companies to understand needs and share opportunities for university partnerships
 - b. Meet with universities to understand capability and strategic growth initiatives. Points of contact include Vice Presidents for Research, Associate Deans for Research, and individual faculty
 - c. Share federal and state proposal opportunities
 - d. Support university proposals through industry, municipality, and public agency partnerships
 - e. Encourage multi-university proposals, programs, and capstone projects
 - f. Develop regional initiatives of global impact

- Douglas and David presented on the Earth Human System in Higher Education Proposal. Chris Morris raised some concerns that we have tried to do this in the past without much success. Meghna shared the information about the Faculty Advisory Network proposal that she is working on with the Provost office. The network will help such proposals. Greg and Mari also proposed that there should be a way for Parking and Housing to get some students working as intern on some projects.

Proposal

- We propose the formation at UTA of the **Institute for the Earth-Human System (IEHS)** to coordinate the needed innovations in curriculum. An entity at the level of an institute, faculty-directed, is needed to support, complement and transcend our traditional academic structures, ensure coordination and facilitate timely progress.
- The **IEHS** will initiate several important educational elements, described below.
- The best organizational placement of the **IEHS** is in The Graduate School, thereby automatically connecting it to all academic units, but there is no ideal placement.
- The result will thrust UTA, within a decade, into national prominence as the originator of one of the most effective institutional responses to serious global challenges.

- Greg Hladik presented about the Bike Share Program at UTA. The program will be launched in the Fall 2021. He also presented about the Via program to offer autonomous driving around the campus. The program will start on March 15, 2021 and will be in service for a year (March 2022)



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- Pay-as-you-Go: \$1 to unlock, \$0.35/minute
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- Meghna presented on the RCE North Texas Virtual Annual Summit. The summit features a Keynote by Asst. Secretary General of the United Nations- Satya Tripathi. Other Panelist/presentations are by BNSF, North Texas Food Bank, UT Arlington Food Waste recovery project led by Melanie, U T Dallas Air Quality Monitoring project, DCCCD Citizen Science Project, presentation by the National Academies of Sciences, and a hands-on workshop on organization by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The Summit has received 120 registration till date.
<https://sustainability.uta.edu/rce/rce-north-texas-virtual-annual-summit/>
- The meeting was concluded at 3 pm.
- Next meeting scheduled on September 28, 2021.