Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of the 11/15/16 meeting minutes.
   - Motion to approve minutes of November 15, 2016, seconded, approved unanimously.

3. Proposed Certificate in Responsible Mining from Departments of Geology, Biology, Communication and Journalism, Geography and Anthropology, Mathematics, and Watershed.
   - Syverson provided information and answered questions. Certificates would be housed and assessed in Geology, created with help from other departments and external stakeholders due to the Responsible Mining Initiative (RMI) to better prepare students to solve environmental issues facing the mining industry, environmental consulting firms, and regulatory agencies; two of the certificates are targeted for STEM majors and one for non-STEM majors
   - Even if the hydrogeology position search fails, still have the ability to offer the certificates short-term; long-term would be questionable; however, administration is in support of fulfilling the position, major wouldn’t be able to survive without it, half of Geology majors obtain a job in the hydrogeology field
   - There is demand, students have been creating topical majors in the area, environmental topics are hot now and certificates will expand the opportunities for students
   - May look odd to have so many departments involved, however, Geology majors are comprehensive and require coursework outside of the major (e.g., calculus, chemistry, physics)
   - RMI has helped to increase the number of internships offered to students from 2 to 3 a few years ago to 19, don’t want to state all students will receive an internship, provides additional experience though
   - All required courses are currently offered except for the 1-credit seminar which Syverson will teach, spoke with chairs about course availability and many are excited for the possibility of additional demand/may help courses run with the help from non-majors, benefits are high and the cost is low
   - Motion was made to approve the proposed Certificates in Water Resources, Responsible Mining, and Earth Resources. Motion was seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.
   - Upcoming meetings: December 6th and January 31st

Chair Bob Hooper adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Forcier
Secretary for the Meeting