

Data and GIS Users Discussion Forum  
Summary of Discussion  
February 28, 2008

The meeting began at noon in 150 Hodges Library with 9 attendees:

UT Libraries: Eleanor Read, Moderator (Hodges), Janette Prescod (Hodges), Gregory March (Map), Eric Arnold (Map), Richie Sexton (AgVet)

Faculty: Joanne Logan (BESS), Rita Hagevik (TPTE)

OIT: Bob Muenchen (Statistical Consulting Center)

Graduate Student: James Roberson (Science Education)

Ellie Read welcomed the attendees and explained the purpose of the meeting. This is a time for data and GIS users, support staff, and other interested parties to have an informal discussion about current activities, services, resources, and support needs with regard to secondary data and/or GIS research at UT.

The Map Library is fully situated in its new home on the ground floor of Hodges Library after a successful move. Stop by and take a look.

After much excitement at the thought of putting the ESRI ArcGIS software on the Citrix sever to provide wider access to the program, Greg has been informed that ESRI will not allow UT to put the software on the Citrix server. Hopefully further discussions will change this policy, as this mode of access to the ESRI software would greatly enhance its use for GIS applications at UT.

Greg would like to offer a GIS basics workshop in fall semester. He welcomes suggestions on how to offer it, what to cover, etc. He is considering a three-part program, with each part given on a different day.

Bob Muenchen explained a bit about the online survey system at OIT that is available for use by faculty, staff, and students. The system is backed up regularly so the information being collected during the surveys is secure. Cary Springer is the contact for using this survey system; she teaches an introductory class each semester.

Bob gave a quick overview of the analysis.utk.edu server, which has been upgraded to handle more users. He also mentioned that they are looking into a site license for Matlab.

Joanne initiated a discussion about the need for a central place at UT to store GIS data, such as the data available from ESRI, aerial files, street names, etc. Who may play a roll in providing this kind of server storage space?

We will meet again in the fall.

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