

# Foothill College GeoSpatial Technology Program Advisory Board Meeting

March 2, 2017 – Room 126 – Foothill College Sunnyvale Center

Attending: Allison Lenkeit Meezan (Foothill GIST), Christine Hansel (Foothill GIST), David Mederios (Stanford Libraries), City of Morgan Hill, Tim Chang (City of San Jose), (student), Firrozeh Fornzar (student), Melanie Lopez (former student), Sofia Abad (Foothill), Casey Hiatt (MidPen Open Space), Daniel Dishno (Foothill Cal Works/OTI), Leticia Serna (Selling), Marshall Ballard (VTA), Moaty

Fayek (Foothill CTE programs), Kurt Hueg (Foothill dean), Teresa Ong (Foothill DSPS/Veterans outreach)

## Welcome and introductions

### Program overview

#### o Current students

- f* Primarily pursuing certificate III
- f* 12 internship students
- f* Allison voiced concern that the program may be flooding market with too few job openings

Members contributed that

- o Job opportunities lack full time positions
- x A lot of contract and freelance
- x Many job applicants for full time positions are already working in GIS positions in contractor part time capacity
- f* Many in the group agree on an increase in

- o Topics could include State

Feedback solicited on recruiting