



MINUTES
Building Arts ADVISORY BOARD
01/31/23 – Microsoft Teams

Date of Meeting: 01/31/23

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Patricia Watts, Deborah Swink, Gene Anderson, John Bowden, Marcel Maslowski, Marilyn Browne, Michael Cangemi, Natavia Middleton, Ron Johansson, Tom Burket, Scott Kulczar, Sid Martin, Summer Sparks, Rodrigo Davis

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ben Ashburn, Danny Clark, Joseph DiPasqua, Robert Hudson, Wanda Kimsey, Faith Pieterse, Nohelia Puerto, Clark Scherer, Nicholas Smith

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4pm by Sidney Martin.

PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVED:

Accepted by consensus.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson: Tom Burket has been chairperson for the building arts advisory board for several years and would like to step back from the position and just participate as just a member of the board. Sid Martin is actively looking for a replacement, if you are interested, please let him know.

Building Arts Overview: Overall enrollment at the college is down but the enrollment for the building arts program has held steady even after Fall graduation took place. There are currently 86 students enrolled in the Building Arts program at SPC, and classes are being offered in multiple forms such as in person and live online. Sid Martin would like to thank everyone who has passed out information regarding the program, and he would like to see enrollment numbers continue to increase.

Tom Burket of PJ Callaghan Construction states that there has been a strong demand for construction throughout the state. By continuing to spread the word about the building arts program he believes that the college will see an increase in the program's numbers. John Bowden of Moss Construction agreed and suggested that 6 weeks out from the next semester a reminder should be set for them to spread the word and pass out flyers for the program on different project sites where there may be individuals looking to further their education in the field.

Furthermore, the college is looking for individuals to teach hydrology and surveying. To be eligible to teach they would need a master's degree. These classes can be scheduled to meet in the evenings or on Saturdays and would be a 3-to-4-hour lecture/lab each week for 16 weeks. If you have any questions or know anyone who may be interested, please let Sid know. Lastly, the advanced estimating class the advisory board had

requested be offered by the college in the past, Sid Martin is happy to announce that he was able to find an instructor. The class is currently being offered this Spring and has roughly 20 students enrolled. The class is being taught remotely by Ben Ashburn who is the director of educator for Procore. Ben reports that the class is going well.

Titan Exchange Update: Rodrigo Davis provided an update on the progress of Titan Exchange, which is a 10,000 square foot warehouse space that is being built on the Tarpon Springs campus. Construction has begun, and the Board of Trustees has approved the next phase of the buildout. They are looking at construction being completed by early 2024. Once complete the space will have a full commercial kitchen, stage area, coffee bar, manufacturing and maker spaces on the first floor. On the second floor there will be seating areas, offices spaces available for rent, and a zoom room that will be equipped with cameras, mics, and a green screen. This building will be flexible and have the ability to be adapted to the needs of students, outside businesses and the community. Deborah Swink mentioned that there will be funding and recognition opportunities for companies to have their name on either a wall or a room. Once details have been finalized more information will be shared.

Employer Engagement and Workforce Update: Marilyn Browne would like to thank all of you and your companies that have met with and have allowed Sid and herself to tour your locations. This has given them the opportunity to better understand your workforce needs and how the college can help meet them. One big takeaway from these meetings has been that there is a want to engage with titan talent early on. This spring there will be 3 ways to engage companies can engage with SPC students. The first being an Employee Showcase. The showcase will be from February 1st to March 9th on the SPC Gibbs campus. This showcase will allow your company to reserve a 3-hour window of time to engage with SPC Titans and Alumni. During this time, you'll have the opportunity to share your corporate culture, job opportunities and conduct on-site resume review and interviews. The showcase has 8 employers registered and most spots are full, but they are hoping to offer this on multiple campus next year.

On March 2nd there will be a Job Fair on the Clearwater campus from 10am to 1pm. Registration is limited and is first come/first served. There are only 3 spots left, if you have not yet registered and would like to please reach out to Marilyn. Lastly, there is the MECCA Expo that will take place on April 4th on the Clearwater campus. This expo is focused on connecting different stakeholders in academia and manufacturing workforce development. Tables will be available for those who would like to participate and are welcome to bring company tablecloths, banners, interactive items and staff. During this event you will have the opportunity to interact with middle and high school students, as well as SPC students and members of the community. Deborah Swink from the foundations office mentioned that there will be sponsorship opportunities for this event, and a flyer with more information will be sent out soon.

Career Readiness: Dean Patricia Watts of the Career Readiness department has been promoting the upcoming job fair to different departments. Additionally, Dean Patricia's department works with students on resume writing and review. If your company has any specific resume requirements, please reach out to her, so they are better able to assist students. Employer feedback is very valuable to them. Additionally, they will be hosting weekly workshops for students beginning Thursday, February 2nd.

Activities: On March 2nd the Manufacturing Job Fair on the Clearwater campus is from 10am to 1pm. There is space for 23 Pinellas employers to meet with current and past titan talent. The STEAM Festival that was originally scheduled for March 28th has moved to April 13th. This event is in conjunction with the Arts department.

Lastly, on April 4th the Manufacturing, Engineering, Construction and Architecture (MECCA) Expo will take place on the Clearwater campus. This event is focused on the education and employment opportunities

available in these fields. The goal is to have students from local middle and high schools attend this event and expose them to careers in these fields. They will also have the opportunity to hear from individuals that work in these fields and also hear from keynote speaker Andrew Crowe. Marketing materials for this event will be out soon as more details surrounding the event are confirmed. Currently there is interest for over 500 students to attend, with the majority being middle school students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Need to schedule future meetings.

CLOSING BUSINESS:

SAVE THE DATE: February 17th & 18th: St. Petersburg Science Festival at 140 7th Ave S in St. Pete.

March 2nd: Manufacturing Job Fair on the Clearwater campus 10am to 1pm

April 4th: MECCA Expo

April 13th: STEAM Festival

NEXT MEETING: Has not been scheduled yet.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Called at 5:00pm by Sid Martin