

Building Arts Department
St. Petersburg College

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2019
CL--CR188

In Attendance:

Jonathan Hammond
Tom Burkett
Karen Sommerville
Robert Hudson
Lara Sharp
Jillian Bandes
Joseph DiPasqua

Absent:

Travis Parker, Natavia Middleton, Dana Levarn, Albert Craig, Joseph Benavides, Heather Disler, Ken Mull

4:30PM--Introduction

4:40PM—Recruitment, retention and completion efforts

Lara Sharp informed the committee that the Building Arts Viability Reports were coming up and she shared some of the information found on the report like success rates, graduation rates, unduplicated head count, etc. It was noted that the number of students has increased in Building Arts in the last 4-5 semesters.

The group discussed recruiting strategies. At the time of this meeting, Dunedin High School ARC (Architecture, Robotics, and Construction) Academy students were supposed to visit SPC on December 4, 2019 (the visit had to be rescheduled for Spring 2020). Tom Burkett volunteered to help target St. Pete High School's construction academy with classroom visits. Tom will also stress the two building arts courses that are on the approved dual enrollment list.

5:00PM—New Construction Technology course

At the last committee meeting, members asked SPC to look into offering a course focused on the project management softwares being used in construction. Committee members said students need to be prepared to interact with these softwares to be prepared for entering the workforce. It was decided to use free educational software from Pro-Core to teach the course. Some of the topics included with the software is estimating, sub-contracting, and punch lists. The software provides a more realistic environment for estimating project costs and offers certifications.

Professor Hudson and Lara Sharp will connect with the Pro-Core rep to request a walk-through of the software and the educational tools. The committee decided that the course should be required for graduation and the learning objectives for the course will be developed at the next meeting (approximately February 2020). The current ARCH-AS degree requires 15 credits of electives; therefore, the number of electives will be decreased to 12 credits to accommodate the new Pro-Core course. The goal is to submit the course to C&I through Curricunet during the May submission period. Credentialing the instructor for the new course was also discussed and the new course will use existing building arts credentialing requirements.

The committee also requested that an official Building Construction A.A. transfer degree plan be pursued by the College and explore SPC linking up with University of Florida's Construction degree program.

Tom Burkett agreed to be the Committee Chair.

5:45PM—Adjourn