

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 28, 2019

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In Attendance:

Travis Parker
Jonathan Hammond
Natavia Middleton
Tom Burkett
Karen Sommerville
Robert Hudson
Gabriel Yeager
Dana Levarn
Lara Sharp
Wanda Kimsey

Absent:

Albert Craig, Joseph Benavides, Jillian Bandes, Joseph DiPasqua, Heather Disler

5:15PM--Introduction

Lara Sharp reviewed the degree programs for new members and the name change for the AS degree to Building Design and Construction Management and certificate Sustainable Construction Certificate. Anecdotal data from a higher than norm spring 2019 enrollment of 82% suggests that the name changes are already having an affect on enrollment. Board members supported the name change.

5:25PM—Recruitment, retention and completion efforts

- Additional Outreach programs at local schools especially the magnet construction schools: St. Pete High School, Dunedin, and Pinellas Technical High School at Seminole. Industry partners have offered to visit schools and speak to students. Lara Sharp will connect school officials with board members.

--Dual Enrollment was discussed as a recruitment tool. Currently, only architecture classes are offered as dual enrollment options (ARC1301, ARC1302, and ARC1701). Board suggested submitting Materials and Methods and Construction Drawing to Pinellas County Schools and SPC as dual enrollment classes. Lara Sharp will follow-up with Robert Hudson and email the appropriate people in SPC so classes can be available for high school students by fall 2019.

--Industry partners suggested a “construction technology” course be created that would include construction management software and certifications. Some suggestions were ProCore, Red Team, NavisWorks, and Blue Beam. Lara Sharp will follow-up with Robert Hudson.

--Industry partners recommended that BA students learn AutoCAD REVIT.

6:10PM—Adjourn