



MINUTES

BUILDING ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

09/22/22 – Microsoft Teams

Date of Meeting: 09/22/22

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Faith Pieterse, Gene Anderson, Joseph DiPasqua, John Bowden, Marcel Maslowski, Natavia Middleton, Robert Hudson, Rodrigo Davis, Sidney Martin, Summer Sparks, Tom Burket

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Marilyn Browne, Clark Scherer, Dean Patricia Watts, Nicholas Smith, Ben Ashburn, Danny Clark, and Kay Jeffery

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by Sidney Martin.

PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVED:

Accepted by consensus.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Arts Overview: Enrollment is down throughout the college. There are currently around 80 students enrolled in the Building Arts program. Classes are being offered in multiple forms such as in person, live online and solely online. Sidney Martin would like to see the program grow and attract more students. The target goal is to have 100 students enrolled in the program. Events and outreach to schools and companies are being done to try and recruit students. To help target construction workers and spread awareness of the Building Arts program Sidney Martin and Faith Pieterse will work together over the next few weeks to create a flyer that can be sent out. A short meeting will be scheduled for the interested board members to review the flyer.

Titan Exchange: Provost Rodrigo Davis from the Tarpon Springs campus discussed the new 10,000 square foot warehouse space that will be built on the Tarpon Springs campus. They are hoping to break ground either in January or February of next year (2023) and open the space in August. The temporary name of this space is Titan Exchange, and will have a space for manufacturing and for students to work on certificate programs and be trained for jobs. This space will also have a full kitchen and office spaces for partners of the college. This space will be flexible and have the ability to be adapted to the needs of students, outside businesses and the community. Provost Rodrigo Davis is hoping for Titan Exchange to be the doorway to more partnerships between the Engineering and Building Arts programs at SPC and businesses within our local community.

Workforce Update: Sidney Martin and Marilyn Browne have been working on adding people/companies to the Building Arts Committee, and have either made site visits or held meetings. They have seen a good response to their outreach efforts.

Career Readiness: To help students prepare for the next steps after college there are career navigators on each SPC. Career navigators assist students with resume writing and review, personal branding, job and internship search, and interview prep such as mock interviews. Dean Patricia Watts oversees the department.

Advanced Estimating Course: The advanced estimating course that was requested by the advisory committee has been added to the Spring 2023 term, that begins January 16th. This course will be based on software such as Procore. The instructor for the course is Ben Ashburn. Ben Ashburn is a senior educator for Procore, and will teach the course Live Online as he is remote. Students will be able to see what courses are offered in the Spring starting October 10th, and Spring resignation opens October 24th. The pre-req for this course is estimating I.

Activities: In October, on the 11th the OKT-TO-CON event will take place 6pm to 9pm. This is a family event and is being used to showcase EMBA to community to help increase the awareness of the possible careers and opportunities in this field. There will be vendors and food trucks at the event. Companies are welcome to participate and set up a table with company information and network with students and the community. Sidney Martin is hoping that events like this will help to educate the community and the families of younger individuals of EMBA.

Sidney Martin also discussed the Electric Vehicle & Energy Event that was sponsored by Duke Energy that took place on September 1st. This event has about 250 people attend, of that 70 were middle school students. The event received good feedback and we are looking at hosting the event again next Fall.

STEAM Fest will be hosted for the second time on March 28th. Sidney Martin is looking for companies to participate in the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Need to schedule a meeting for approximately two weeks from now to discuss the recruitment flyer that Sidney Martin and Faith Pieterse are creating.

CAREER OUTREACH SPECIALIST:

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT: There are currently around 80 students enrolled in the Building Arts program at the college. Sidney would like to see the program grow to 100 students. Recruiting efforts are ongoing, and include campus events, visiting high schools, the college's website and social media accounts.

CLOSING BUSINESS:

SAVE THE DATE: October 11th, Job Fair- 10am to 1pm and OKT-TO-CON 6-9pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 2nd 2023

MEETING ADJOURNED: Called at 5:07pm