

Minutes
Hospitality & Tourism Management
Advisory Committee
09/22/21
Location: Virtual

Members Present:

Sandy Ho (Chairperson), Dan Babbitt, Jay Dempsey, Ashley Giasone, Chris Slaney, Nicolle Panuthos, Annamarie Sisson, Theresa Afify, Mike Ewell

Members Excused:

Kristina Alspaw, Frank Chivas, Steven Gould, Viviana Leyva, Dannette Lynch, Devin Minnick, Justin Morales, Kevin Schachter

- 1. Greetings and Introductions since the last meeting was in March 2021, this meeting began with greetings and introductions
- 2. Dean Duff shared an update on the status of the search for a new Dean of the College of Business. A search committee has been reviewing candidates with a goal of having a new Dean in place by January 1, 2022
- 3. Dean Duff shared an update on enrollment at the college. Enrollment has followed national patterns for schools like SPC and are down just under 10%. The College of Business tracks with this trend also. There may be an opportunity to partner with USF's expanding program that could lead to increased enrollment.
- 4. Theresa Afify presented an overview of the status of the Hospitality and Tourism program that included enrollment, upcoming events, and other current details about the program
- 5. Open Discussion:
 - a. The group shared their experiences with the pandemic and in particular, the ongoing staffing and supply challenges faced by the group.
 - b. Dean Duff shared his goal of having this group review the curriculum and will be sending a packet to each member for review
 - c. The group discussed the need to emphasize the opportunity for career paths in this industry and to get this message in front of high school students and their parents
 - d. A suggestion was made to leverage business contacts as some may be willing to promote SPC programs to their employees.
- 6. Next Meeting
 - a. November 3rd at 8:30 a.m. at Great Bay Distributing with a Zoom option

The recording of the meeting is available for a time at: https://spcollege.zoom.us/rec/share/OVg9T--Pih-iHml8YBTkFcb72P3QbYsxQQlHrwnbwk69olJ7ptMrbgugtwt4VdyB.6Y19V0G5hFGXHcDc