

## Architecture and Construction Technology Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday Feb 27, 2019

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Lee Campus AA 165

**In attendance:** Carlos Marcet, Adjunct Faculty, Studio T; Jackie Brown, Jackie Brown Interiors; Karen Benson, Benson & Assoc; Amy Wicks, Kimley-Horn; Tyler F Patak, Parker/Mudgett/Smith Architects; Bill Prysi, Waldrop Engineering; Greg Diserio, David M. Jones Jr & Associates; Alexander Irigoyen, Associate A.I.A; Lawrin T. Ellis, PE, The Engineering Solutions; Shawn Anderson, Select Structural; Michele Gouley, Architect/Building Plans Examiner Lee Co. BOCC; Chris Curran, Curran Young Construction Co.; Dr. Debbie Psihountas, Dean; Jennifer Baker, Associate Dean; Albert Nault, Coordinator; Dr. Mary Conwell, Chair; Matthew Hoffman, Professor

**Welcome and Introductions:** Dr. Psihountas welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for serving on the inaugural board. As it is a new advisory board, it was decided that Carlos Marcet and Tyler Patak will serve as co-chairs.

**Discussion of Programs:** The newly designed brochure was debuted with the program specific inserts.

A question was asked about the General Education requirements: They are standard across almost all programs at the college

How popular is each program? Albert stated that there are approximately 200-300 students between the 2 programs and some students may be enrolled in both programs.

How many jump to a 4-year program? That data is unavailable; info that the Dean would like to have.

Current programs provide no path to upper division courses. AS degrees are workforce programs. A % of our students go directly into the workforce. A small % go on to higher education; there is no concrete data of what kind of higher ed.

Use AS Architecture degree to get a contractor's license

The programs are not accredited by specific industry accreditation boards

We need to look into how to get the 2 programs accredited by appropriate boards; provide seamless transition to accredited higher education programs

Portfolio review-reach out to local firms

Individual classes can be developed fairly quickly, however whole programs take much longer. Approval is needed from the state and must be approved through accreditation board.

Two traits that were emphasized as being very important—public speaking and proper writing.

### **Promotion and Marketing Ideas:**

Educate local firms on benefit of hiring FSW students

We need a presence in the local high schools; inform students of what types of degrees are offered.

Articulation agreement- take certain classes in high school or obtain certifications and student can have certain classes waived.

**Mentorships, Scholarships, Internships:**

Several board members stated they would hire our graduates. They are looking for the students to have a portfolio and if they have the basic skills; can they do CAD?

Some board members stated they need students that know Revit as CAD is phasing out while others stated CAD is still very important.

Non-credit mentorship/internship-paralegal is the only program that currently requires an internship.

A suggestion was made for board members to invite current students to monthly breakfast or other industry organization monthly meeting. This will give students a chance to network with professionals in the field.

A resource that can be used to target FSW graduates for employment is the FSW job net. Jobs can be posted and are viewable by current students and alumni.

**Board Service Agreement:**

Dr. Psihountas has asked the board members for a 3-year commitment, with meetings 2 times per year. She is hoping the board members will be ambassadors to the community.

**Open Discussion, Q & A, Close:**