

FSW PARALEGAL STUDIES, ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, & ENGINEERING PROGRAMS  
BREAKOUT MEETING FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2021 2 PM – 3 PM ZOOM

In Attendance:

Professor Matt Hoffman

Professor Mary Conwell

Professor Sandi Towers

Professor John Montoya

Professor Michael Rubbinaccio

Professor Elizabeth Schott

Professor Munir Al-Saleh

Advisor Carolyn Siefert

The following topics were discussed at the February 2021 breakout meeting.

1. Department Chair/Professor Conwell discussed in depth the changes in guidelines and endorsement of stackable certificates that were topics of the January 2021 meeting of the American Bar Association Commission for the Approval of Paralegal Education, of which she is a member. She also discussed where FSW's Paralegal Studies Program compares in relationship to paralegal programs at colleges and universities across the United States..
2. Ideas for updating architecture and drafting courses were presented, with a focus on sustainability and emerging technologies. A new course about the history of architecture is in the works and has the potential to be popular across FSW's diverse student population.
3. Advisor Carolyn Siefert provided her insights about the needs of paralegal students. Her input was greatly appreciated..
4. There was an engaged, thoughtful conversation about the stress and mental health issues students in the four areas are experiencing because of the pandemic. Compassion and flexibility were encouraged when dealing with today's challenged students..
5. A question was raised about the status of the proposed interdisciplinary Business of Cannabis certificate that had been proposed. It will be necessary to ascertain if this is a certificate that college leadership wishes to pursue.

The breakout session was adjourned.