FSW PARALEGAL STUDIES, ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, & ENGINEERING PROGRAMS BREAKOUT MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM LEE CAMPUS GRESHAM HALL, ROOM B-102

In Attendance: Professor Mary Conwell; Professor Matt Hoffman; Professor Munir Al-Suleh

The following topics were discussed at the February 2024 breakout meeting.

1. Increasing retention. The overhaul of the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering curriculum by Professor Munir Al-Suleh will increase student enrollment and retention for those programs. The work by Professors Matt Hoffman and Sandi Towers to update the Business Law course will improve enrollment and retention for FSW’s Paralegal Studies Program. For the updated Business Law course, McGraw Hill Connect will be used. Dr. Towers has completed QM training. Professor Hoffman informed everyone that the Business Law update does not need to go through the curriculum committee. The revamped Business Law course is ready for the Fall 2024 Semester. On a general level, the new FSW Career Center will help retention of students at the college. Access to the Handshake portal will be effective for students as well.
2. Concrete Expo. Professor Al-Suleh will take his students to the Concrete Expo at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) on April 2, 2024. Associate Dean Jennifer Baker will be speaking at the Expo.
3. AAfPE Spring Conference. Both Professors Hoffman and Conwell are looking forward to the virtual spring conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE).
4. ABA Site Visit. Professor Conwell will be a site team leader on a virtual American Bar Association (ABA) site visit to a Pennsylvania college in April 2024.
5. Course Leads. None of the professors knew the meaning of the term “course leads.”

The breakout session was adjourned.