FSW PARALEGAL STUDIES, ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, & ENGINEERING PROGRAMS BREAKOUT MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 1:36 PM – 2:49 PM ZOOM

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

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

1. Revised Business Law Course. Professor Hoffman said that the revised Business Law course will be assessed in the Fall 2024 Semester. Paralegal Studies faculty discussed which paralegal courses should be revised next. Professors Hoffman and Towers suggested that the Intro course be updated and a new textbook chosen. The current textbook is increasingly outdated. Real Estate should also be updated..
2. Overhaul of Architecture, Construction, & Engineering (ACE) Programs. Dr. Judith Bilsky approved the updating and revisions to the ACE programs and courses. This massive and much-needed overhaul is possible due to the hard work and effort of Professor Munir Al-Suleh.
3. Faculty Perspective on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Professors Hoffman and Towers encourage AI. Professor Al-Suleh commented on the relationship of AI to building resumes and cover letters. It was mentioned that Turnitin has an AI detector to tell if students have used AI for assignments. Professors Hoffman and Towers cautioned about AI generating incorrect and/or fabricated case law.
4. Assessment. Professor Hoffman, who is the Effectiveness Coordinator, asked what assessment from Dr. Van Gaalen do faculty want and need. As in the past, Dr. Van Gaalen will continue data collection for the Paralegal Studies and ACE programs. Professor Al-Suleh will inform Dr. Van Gaalen what needs to be assessed for the ACE programs. Paralegal Studies faculty will collaborate on recommending assessment targets for Dr. Van Gaalen to collect and examine. Effectiveness plans for Fall 2024 Semester need to be developed.
5. Study Abroad. Professor Hoffman gave an in-depth update on FSW’s study abroad programs. SoBT may offer a summer program in Germany.
6. Faculty Travel. Professor Hoffman stated that there will be more scrutiny by Dr. Bilsky about professional development trips to conferences. Faculty travel needs to be directly related to subject matter areas that professors teach.

The breakout session was adjourned.