FSW PARALEGAL STUDIES, ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, & ENGINEERING PROGRAMS BREAKOUT MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024 1:48 PM – 3:00 PM ZOOM

In Attendance: Professor Mary Conwell; Professor Matt Hoffman; Professor Sandi Towers

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

1. Berlin Study Abroad. Professor Matt Hoffman shared highlights of his recent trip to the Technical University of Berlin and touring innovation labs there. He noted that the University where SoBT will have a summer study abroad experience in Berlin is spread out through various parts of the city.
2. American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) Conference. Chair Conwell stated that the October 2024 AAfPE Conference in Washington, D.C., focused on paralegal internships, artificial reality, and virtual reality courtrooms.
3. American Bar Association (ABA) Virtual Site Visit. The reapproval site visit will take place in February 2025, but specific dates for the Zoom visit have not been finalized yet.
4. Legal Studies Club. Professor Towers said that the club will meet November 15 from 2-3:30 pm in the Student Engagement Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.
5. Updating Program. Professor Matt Hoffman and Chair Conwell want to update all Paralegal Studies courses and put them all online. Chair Conwell would like to combine Torts and Litigation into one class. Dr. Towers suggested developing an environmental law and/or international law course. She has experience in both areas that she could share with students.
6. Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Visit. HLC will visit FSW in March 2025.
7. SOS. Professor Towers pointed out that students are having problems with the link.

The breakout session was adjourned.