



Construction Management And Civil & Construction Engineering

Advisory Board Minutes

Date: April 8, 2013

Members, Faculty, and Guests:

Jeff Borgsmiller, Sherman Smith, Patrick Schroder, Jaysson Funkhouser, Joe Hillard, David Nabholz, Howard Williams, John Halloway, Patrick Schueck, Lloyd Garrison, Nathan Kovaleski, Jeremy Land, Chris Ray, Donna Mantione, Lance Wright, Amin Akhnoukh, Randy Ragsdale, Jessica Jefferies, Richard Hedgecock, Melinda Markus, Andrew Frith, John Woodard, Don Overton, Michael Hansberry, Michael Tramel, Nick Jovanovic, Jim Carr, Chris Ray, Larry Blackmon

- Mike Tramel discussed that the Department is receiving additional funding for the two new engineering programs in spite of the across the board budget cuts. Dr. Zulma Toro was hired as the new Provost and she has started several task forces for restricting. Mike Tramel is serving on the Chair Task Force. There are 81 engineering students with 105 construction management students. There was a record number of students enrolled in the freshman drawings and specifications with 63 students. This is requiring three sections of the class to be taught to accommodate the increase. There was discussion about the shared curriculum and how students are changing their majors from engineering to construction management once the difference is explained to them in the drawings and specifications class.
- Dr. Xie explained the admission requirements for the new Master of Science in Construction Management and that the program has admitted seven new students and have fourteen applications in the process.
- Dr. Jovanovic explained how there is now a common construction core that all majors take and then each program has additional requirements along with the state minimum core requirements. The recent engineering graduates have all been employed by the same companies that the construction management graduates work for and he pointed out that the students are also getting the same internships. Dr Jovanovic also explained the criteria for civil and architectural engineering and how our engineering programs are very unique. He also explained Cromwell has agreed to sponsor the senior design project with a special thanks to Joe Hillard and Mike Callahan. Nick also thanked his advisory committee for their hard work as well.
- Mike Tramel discussed that the ACCE third year report was accepted by ACCE with no discussion.
- Jim Carr gave an update of the status of the surveys with no discussion.
- Dr. Jovaonvic explained the ABET Program Educational Objectives (PEO) and asked for a motion to approve them and this was voted on by the entire advisory council since they represent all the potential employers. He updated the status of the self-study as well and then explained how well the ASCE Steel Bridge team did. The team was made of construction management and civil and construction engineering students.
- Mike Tramel explained that this was the first year in six years that we did not place in one of the divisions at the ASC/TEXO student competition. The sponsors were thanked and discussion continued that the competition is an excellent learning experience even if the team does not place.
- Lance Wright explained what the Alumni Operations Committee had been doing and that they were defining what skills graduates need when they entered the work place.
- Open discussion pertained to questions for Dr. Jovanovic about the difference between ACCE and ABET.