

St. Petersburg College Photographic Technology Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m. in conference room 156

Location: Clearwater Campus: 2465 Drew Street, Clearwater, FL. 33765-2898

Members present: Barton Gilmore, Robert Lawson, Tina Koufas-Eisbacher, Christie Anger, Scott Menaull, Chris Otten, Frank Duffy, Art Becker, Brian Swartzwelder, Ric Savid, Beth Reynolds, Pepito Valdes.

Absent Members: Tom Bailey, Gregg Hickman, Pierre Dutertre, Emanuel Pontoriero, Pierce Brunson, Jorge Alvarez, Chuck Vosburgh, George Cott, Keith Bunch, Joy Bunch, Michael Landes, Mark Moore, Andrew Vernon, Amber Emerson, Natalie Sparkman, Boyzell Hosey.

- I.
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Welcome & Introductions, Barton Gilmore
 - c. Approve Minutes of September 29th, 2015 meeting

II. Old Business:

- a. The school wants students workforce ready, so the Adobe Industrial Certification Test is part of the photography program, with about a half dozen students passing the test so far. School receives more money for those certified.
- b. The new assessment component has 5 markers that must be met in the portfolio class. Want to get advisory comm. Members to look at portfolios and assess them. Very helpful for feedback.
- c. Full-Time staff Photo Assistant and permanent part-time position will be Requested again for spring, 2016. If the 4 year program gets approved, this will be much easier to get hired.
- d. Industrial Partnerships: Advisory members were thanked for providing Internships and helping students. Internships required for graduation.
- e. Cloud is now being used for all students and saves the college money.
- f. Barton is currently teaching the Video Production Class and loves it.
- g. Always looking for new members to join the photo advisory board.
- h. Barton has finished the required online courses, so he is now ready to teach an online class. SPC has more online classes than any college at present, and the History of Photography class will be taught next spring.
- i. Beginning now, photography will be 8 week sessions instead of 10 week sessions only for the summer.
- j. We will know soon if the 4 year degree has been approved.
- k. Remodeling will probably take several years and will begin soon.

III. New Business:

- a. Lots of computer issues with the Video class. Video is expensive and more Servers and space are needed.
- b. Waiting to hear if the state board has approved the new 4 year photography degree, that was approved by the SPC Board of Trustees in February.
- c. Remodeling the facility will again be delayed because the cost will be approx. 150 – 175 thousand dollars. Maybe they will begin by the end of this summer, 2016.
- d. Still waiting to hear about the request for the full-time Photography Assistant and permanent part-time position.
- e. Thanked new photo advisory members Beth Reynolds and Ric Savid for attending. More invites were sent and waiting to hear from them.
- f. As mentioned in old business, Barton has finished the required classes for the online course for 2017.
- g. Each department oversees their Internship placement. It's a lot to do, with keeping track of hours, etc. Considering placing interns with adjuncts to oversee them for the semester which would free up more time for Barton. Also considering putting the format online for students to do.

IV. Other News:

- a. Photography has had the largest increase in AS degree students from fall to Spring. 80 to 90 total students in the program.
- b. Have purchased Capture One software for classes.
- c. This summer is the largest graduating class, with 14 to 16 students.

V. Open Discussion

Several members of the advisory committee expressed that the photo students that were interning for LinkedIn on various campuses should be getting paid for this. Also, the school (SPC) should cover the expenses the photo department incurs due to breakage of Studio Lighting equipment. The photo department should NOT be financially responsible for its own equipment when used by other departments for their colleges benefits. The college (SPC) needs a separate budget to cover equipment, or reimburse the photo department.

VI. Setting of Next Meeting Dates and Location:

TBA for Fall 2016

Adjournment was at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Koufas-Eisbacher

