

## **St. Petersburg College Photographic Technology Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** St. Pete College, Clearwater Campus, Crossroads Bldg. Conference Room 156

**Advisory Members Present:** Christie Anger, Tom Bailey, Robert Belfonte, Joy Bunch, Frank Duffy, Pierre Dutertre, Krista Fusari, Barton Gilmore, Leandro Gongora, Ken Hannon, Gregg Hickman, Tina Koufas-Eisbacher, Robert Lawson, La'Keshia O'Neal, Chris Otten, Emanuel Pontoriero, Dustin Smith, Pepito Valdes, Justin Ward

### **I. Call to order and business**

### **II. Old Business**

- a) Posting names of Photography Advisory Members on Photography website is still being pursued.
- b) Professors Chris Otten and Andrea Oberland are teaching new classes vacated by previous instructors.
- c) Full-time staff Photography Assistant II still desired and requested for next year.
- d) The purchase of our new Zeus lighting system completed. More equipment is on the radar. Looking to purchase portable lighting gear for checkout.
- e) Additional studio lab space for portraiture and studio lighting classes on hold.

### **III. New Business**

- a) Course outline for digital video course nears completion; approval process will be potentially challenging due to similar course at Seminole campus.
- b) Promotion of photography department is paramount for sustainability as the program moves forward.
- c) Second year of Photography graduates less than expected due to transfers.
- d) Facility cliff is imminent if additional shooting lab is delayed. Need alternative ideas such as portable floor. The photographic lighting studio is in need of expanding its space due to large enrollment. When Studio Lighting, Studio Portraiture, Portfolio and Internship courses are offered all at the same time, there is a major conflict schedule, leaving little to no time for students to work in the current space. The facility hopes to inherit another space in the near future, perhaps at another campus if not in the Crossroads Building or somewhere at the Clearwater Campus.
- e) Opportunity for local retailers to sell merchandise through SPC bookstore.
- f) Photography show was strong this year and will represent the quality of the photography department in the annual juried exhibition this year.
- g) Enrollment is fine overall. Number of students in AS Photography Program is standing at around eighty.

- h) Next year's graduation rate is expected to be high.
- i) The photography departments has been losing students due to us not having either a BFA program and/or students are simply ready to move on to other institutions to expand their horizons. This is inevitable.
- j) Students have the opportunity to utilize North Tampa Photography studio for \$50 for 4 hours. The staff is available if students need help.
- k) Enrollment Management needs to know specific community events to seek out prospective photography students; such as the Tampa Aerial Photography, Florida Museum of Photographic Arts and other photo-related clubs.
- l) Enrollment Management would like the photography department to put together a revised pamphlet.
- m) North Tampa Photography would like the photography department to put together a basic packet of materials so that students can purchase them through the bookstore using their financial aid.

**IV. Open Discussion**

- a) Voted on next meeting for Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m., Icot Campus, Epi Center Building, Room 1-324; 13805 58<sup>th</sup> St. N. Clearwater

**V. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Otten