

St. Petersburg College Photographic Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Time: Lunch at Noon: Meeting began at 1:35 pm.

Location: SPC EpiCenter Building, Room 1-324; 13805 58th St. N. Clearwater

Present: Tian Koufas-Eisbacher, Justin Ward, Tom Bailey, Gregg Hickman, Pierre Dutertre, Christie Anger, Julie Gomez, Emanuel Pontoriero, Pierce Brunson, Ken Hannon, Lynn Whitelaw, Brian Swartzwelder, Art Becker, Andrew Vernon, Amber Emerson, Natalie Sparkman, Boyzell Hosey, Robert Lawson, Pepito Valdes, Barton Gilmore, Jonathan Steele.

Absent: Jorge Alvarez, Chuck Vosburgh, George Cott, Keith Bunch, Joy Bunch, Frank Duffy, Michael Landes, Mark Moore.

- I.
 - a. Call to Order – Barton Gilmore
 - b. Welcome and Introductions
 - c. Approved Minutes of April 10, 2014 meeting

II. Old Business

- a. Discussed Internship program and the 80% reimbursement for participating.
- b. At SPC, currently there is an AS Degree and AA Degree in Photography. Preliminary work is being done on the BS Photography Degree. Target date is Fall 2015.
- c. Mr. Gilmore emphasized the importance of the Advisory Committee's input to shape the curriculum. Very important!
- d. Motion was passed to approve old business.

III. New Business

- a. Explanation of the class schedule and different classes per semester.
- b. Internship Program is a year round class. The program has the potential to teach the various job skills associated with running a company so students will be prepared before they intern. Because of this Intermediate Photography 2404C to be revised for fall 2015 and be more geared to students' job needs.
- c. Presently, Internship with a company is 60 hours. In the future, it could be 180 hours.
- d. Photo Dept. still needs a full time lab assistant. This has been approved, but lack of money has gotten in the way. Dr. Steele says everything is dependent on a numbers game. Graduation rates and total enrollment needs to go up. Presently, other programs are tracking students.
- e. New video course "Introduction to Video Production" 2750C outline to be approved to implement fall 2015. Looking for a video instructor. Also, the purchase of new support equipment for the video course 2750C has also been approved and should know by April about this.

- f. Remodeling of the facility is slated for summer 2015, and will add more computer lab space and increase the shooting area.
- g. HSN is actively seeking interns from SPC. The career center is there to help students with resumes.
- h. The number of students in the AS Photography Program is currently 90. The number the program should have is around 125. This is the 4th year the program is graduating students (8). This is the 11th largest at the college, and next year should be larger with 15 new students per year in the program.
- i. A photography visiting artist series begins this fall of 2014. The plans are to have 2 or 3 a year, and also professionals. This could also be a gateway for interns.
- j. In the future, there will be an in house printing facility to provide students a place to print. They will provide their own paper, and the lab fee will cover printing.
- k. Need to begin using social media sites like Facebook etc. to draw more people to SPC website. Partnerships could use a logo chosen by all to be seen on their websites to help promote SPC.

IV. Open Discussion

- a. Industry certification is a successful means of employment. Look into how to do all of this. The industry leader in programs is 1-C1 Pro Software. Students can get certification for it, which opens more doors for employment. Courses could align with this.

V. Next Meeting Date will be in Conference Room 156; Crossroads Building, Clearwater Campus, SPC. 2:00pm – 3:30pm. April TBA.

Adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Tina Koufas-Eisbacher