

# St. Petersburg College Photographic Technology Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2017

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

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

**Members Present:** Barton Gilmore, Tina Koufas-Eisbacher, Christie Anger, Frank Duffy, Eleni Christipoulos, Jonathan Steele, Jonathan Barnes, Pierce Brunson, Robert Lawson, Pepito Valdes, Tom Bailey, Boyzell Hosey, Zora Carrier, Joe Benavides, and Eddie Ocasio.

**Absent Members:** Scott Menaul, Art Becker, Brian Swartzwelder, Ric Savid, Beth Reynolds, Pierre Dutertre, Emanuel Pontoriero, Jorge Alvarez, Chuck Vosburgh, George Cott, Keith Bunch, Joy Bunch, Michael Landes, Mark Moore, Andrew Vernon, Amber Emerson, & Natalie Sparkman.

- I.
  - a. Call to Order.
  - b. Welcome & Introductions, Barton Gilmore.
  - c. Approve minutes of September 22, 2016 meeting

## II. Old Business & Updates:

- a. 14 students graduated from the photography program; Fall 2015-Summer 2016. Highest percentage growth compared to other comparable programs.
- b. History of Photography course is set to go live online this summer 2017. numbers are up for summer term.
- c. Viability objectives for year are implementation of record and tracking of AS Degree photo students and greater incentives for students to participate in Associate Adobe Certification process. Still fine tuning this initiative.
- d. New OPS lead lab assistant, Christie Anger has worked out very well.
- e. Photography budget: new projections and expenses including refreshment schedule for both the past 3 years and next 2 years means there's no movement here. The 2 new faculty, Curt Steckel and Beeba (Eleni) Christopoulous-Lekkas are working out well.

## III. New Business:

- a. The state law-makers didn't like the name "Arts & Entertainment" as part of The Bachelors of Arts and Sciences 4 year photography degree so refused approval. They also wouldn't approve the "Arts" as part of the title. The new name would be "Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Media Production & Technology". Waiting for a response from the state.
- b. Re-modeling of facility delayed indefinitely, due to lack of in-house funding. The trend is more digital rather than analog, so need the wet lab space. Many things affecting this: state has changed the formula for funding, cannot charge more for lab fees, new library being built, etc. The cost to renovate is \$150 thousand dollars, and funding for all colleges isn't good right now.

- c. Have been asking for a staff Photography Assistant II for about 3-4 years now. to be approved this spring despite the delay of Bachelor's Degree. Technology lab fee increase was not approved & enrollment is low overall for the college.
- d. New internship placement is underway for both Advisory members and Photographic related business in the bay area. A copy of the letter Barton sent about this was provided to everyone in the meeting.
- e. Summer semester contraction to 8 weeks is in it's 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and has been a success. With Photo 1 numbers up, not sure how this will pan out.
- f. Graduation projection for this year is expected lower, due to students leaving, job placement, transfers, and program cycle. Between this spring, summer & fall, a total of about 14. Another 7 students next spring. Financial limitations, when classes are offered, etc. have an impact on graduation. At least a dozen students are so close to getting the AS degree. Trying to promote ideas to get students excited- need more outreach- to high schools & the community. Career Services is overwhelmed with 12 depts. to oversee, so need more ideas.
- g. The viability of the AS Degree Programs under scrutiny. If discontinued, Barton Gilmore would teach out the program over the next five years. To keep the numbers and program, need to constantly recruit. The number of grads for these programs have changed from 10 to 20 students a year. Talked to Dr. Cooper about securing a transfer program. Also to save money, teaching on a pc platform. There are about 40 AS programs, & last year the photography program was the 11<sup>th</sup> highest with 14 graduates. Many programs are being scrutinized as the numbers are down. This could be our last meeting of the Advisory Board!
- h. Purchased a 4K HD projector for the digital lab.

#### **IV. Other News & Open Discussion:**

- a. Bethany Souza was the recipient of CETL Grant for instructional materials- 10 licenses for Capture One Pro 8.
- b. Mr. Gilmore will be reaching out to various schools and businesses in Fall 2017. Instructor Christopoulous-Lekkas, when available, will provide substitution for classes Mr. Gilmore misses.

#### **V. Setting of Next Meeting Dates & Location:**

Barton thanked everyone for their support, and will let everyone know about a meeting this fall, if there is one.

Adjournment was at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tina Koufas-Eisbacher*