

St. Petersburg College Photographic Technology Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Time: 3:00 p.m. in room Tropics 2-306

Location: EpiCenter, SPC @ 13850 58th St. N. Clearwater, Fl. 33760

Members Present: Barton Gilmore, Tina Koufas-Eisbacher, Christie Anger, Jonathan Steele, Pepito Valdes, Eleni Christipoulos, Ric Savid, Jerri Menaul, Eddie Ocasio, Sergey Ginzburg and Robert Lawson.

Absent Members: Brian Swartzwelder, Beth Reynolds, Pierre Dutertre, Frank Duffy, Pierce Brunson, Boyzell Hosey, Zora Carrier, Jonathan Barnes, Tom Bailey, Ken Hannon

- I.
 - a. Call to Order.
 - b. Welcome & Introductions, Barton Gilmore.
 - c. Approve minutes of November 2, 2017 meeting

II. Old Business & Updates

- a. The college has decided to discontinue AS Degree in Photography Program due to low graduation rates and stagnate growth. The three year teach out starts January 2018 with Barton Gilmore as faculty in charge. Numbers & cost were a big factor and couldn't get Tallahassee on board. Sub-plan begins Fall 2018.
- b. Photography program will merge with AS Degree Digital Media program as embedded sub-plan certificate degree. We will merge aspects of other courses into classes and the college wants to use both campuses. Dig. Media has approx. 300-400 students with high student placement, recruitment, etc.
- c. Current photo studio classes of eleven will contract down into seven classes. As referred in the handout, Photo & Digital Media will integrate, but most foundation classes stay intact.
- d. Trying to implement a FUSE articulation agreement with USF to better serve students transfer options & continued educational success. If USF accepts at least two photo class credits from SPC that can help students take another photo class that will transfer to USF.
- e. Internships are required in AS Digital Media program in 1-3 credit increments and are encouraged in photography certificate degree. Students are encouraged to add certificates like Adobe Photoshop, etc.
- f. Summer semester contraction to 8 weeks completed its second year and we might consider revising back to 10 week semester for the future.

III. New Business:

- a. Photography now has the AS Degree in Digital Media. Here's how it works:
- b. The sub-plan course for the Certificate in Photography within AS Digital Media Degree:** Digital Photography, Intermediate Photography, Digital Imaging (may change to a PGY course), Studio Lighting & Themes.
- c. Electives for sub-plan certificate: Analog Photography (would absorb Alt. Processes): this is an AA transfer course into BA programs in state and out, History of Photography (taught online) & Intro to Video Production. Barton is Really enjoying his online class History of Photography!

- d. Digital Photography will be offered as an online course option, fall 2019.
- e. Enrollment is up 15% this academic year.
- f. There's no money at present for construction, but would like to have more Space for students working in digital media and on computers.
- g. Students in photography will still be doing internships.
- h. Tentative plan is to offer all sub-plan photography courses online over the next 3-4 years. There was some push-back by several members that the Studio Lighting class may be difficult for online modality. Discussion will continue.

IV. Other News & Open Discussion:

- a. Photography club went to New York this past fall, 2017.
- b. Probably will have 9 graduates this academic year.
- c. Barton Gilmore will not be teaching this summer, he's taking it off!!
- d. Tonight at 7 pm is the 2018 SE Emmy Awards, the Digital Media Department's Annual event. It's in the Digitorium at the Seminole campus.

V. Setting of Next Meeting Dates & Location

Barton thanked everyone for their support, and will let everyone know about the next meeting time. Perhaps a meeting between the Digital Media Advisory Board and Photography Advisory Committee will be announced.

Adjournment was at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Koufas-Eisbacher