

Architectural Technology Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 1, 2018
Eden Prairie Campus

Members Present: Shawn Wochnick, Paul Lilienthal, Terry Mahr, Carl Gramentz, Tyler Raymond

HTC Staff Present: Sandy Kretsch, Adam Hayashi, Kim Urahn

The meeting was called to order at 4:30.

Introductions were made.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

There was discussion regarding high school articulation, PSEO and concurrent enrollment courses. We have found having particular pathways laid out helps the students decide what to take and when. They should decide if they want to go the architectural design, or engineering path. Buy in from counselors is essential to help funnel students in our direction.

Our advisory committee needs to appoint a new Chair to lead meetings. There will be a decision made on who this will be at the next meeting.

College updates – Hennepin Tech has been reaffirmed by the HLC. A new provost, Jeff Parks, started with the college in July. We are in the process of redesigning our strategic plan.

The all campus advisory appreciation dinner will tentatively be held April 11 or 18, 2019.

More classes have been added this fall semester since enrollment has doubled. Tyler and two others have been hired as adjunct instructors. A Civil 3D elective course has been added.

The program is trying to keep up with technology and most classes are offered online after the first semester. Most beginning students prefer face to face classes.

Adam suggested that Sandy and Brian discuss with Jason Kopp what equipment/software would work best for their classes.

There has been a lot of discussion about how to meld school and work together for our students. We talked about internships/apprenticeships/mentorships i.e. – on the job training, and how to bring work projects in to use as class projects as well. Many of our students are getting jobs long before they graduate. Most of our industry partners start looking for summer interns by January or February. An internship is not a requirement for a degree. Sandy asked if members think it should be required. There was some discussion; an email will go out to the entire committee for input.

Industry updates – software keeps evolving.

Meeting was adjourned.