



## Architectural Technology and Design

Advisory Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 4:30 PM

Location – Northland Community and Technical College, EGF Campus

### **Members in Attendance:**

Randy Lieberg – JLG Architects  
Jeff Millard – Widseth, Smith and Nolting Associates  
Paula Anderson – Sterling Carpet One  
Phil Szwedowicz – NCTC 1<sup>st</sup> year student  
Seth Balson – NCTC 2<sup>nd</sup> year student  
Rod Lahren – NCTC Arch. Tech. & Design Instructor  
Erin Bulger – NCTC Arch. Tech. & Design Instructor

### **Members not in attendance:**

Gene Youngdahl – Widseth, Smith and Nolting Associates  
Mark Sundet – R.L. Engebretson  
Trent Peabody – Lumber Mart  
Tricia Behm-Johnson – Sterling Carpet One

### **Minutes:**

- Reviewed Old Business.
- We are having plotter issues. At the end of the semester only one plotter was working and it was the one donated last year from MinnKota Power. If anyone is looking to upgrade their plotters, we would welcome any donations to the department. We are investigating a lease for a toner plotter.
- The 2016 FBA Project House has been selected. While the project is still a great experience for the students in terms of working on a real-life project with real-life constraints, we are looking at developing a Client/Architect project where students will pair up and interview each other, then design floor plans based off information from the “client”. This should give students a good experience with the interviewing and problem solving process of design and give them another chance to design a floor plan.
- Last week our new president was announced. Dr. Dennis Bona will start July 1<sup>st</sup>. Rod and Erin met him during the final selection period and were pleased that he was the final selection. Hopefully at the fall meeting the board will have a chance to visit with him.
- Rod and Erin are investigating a 3D printer that would be appropriate for use in Model Building class and will request one at the end of this year if the budget allows.
- Save the Date: The Fall Advisory board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will plan on having our meeting at 4:30 pm with supper at 6:00 pm.

### Enrollment info:

1<sup>st</sup> year – Fall 2014 enrollment was 18, we are now at 16. One left because of medical issues, the other left for unknown reasons.

2<sup>nd</sup> year – Fall 2014 enrollment was 12 and they’re still here! One is working part-time for a GF firm, 1 was hired on at O.N.E., at least three others are in the interview process with companies, and the others are looking. We have plenty of job postings for them!