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Re: Spring Advisory Board meeting

Hello everyone:

We hope you are surviving the Snowpocalypse! Spring is right around the corner, right?! We are writing to give some updates in our program as we will not hold a formal spring advisory board meeting again this year.

Our current numbers are nine second year students. Two have dropped due to health issues (one was a part time student). We have ten full time first year students (one is returning this semester from a previous year) and two new part time students. One full time student was dropped due to low attendance. While the numbers are not great, there are some very talented and eager students in both classes. We are hoping for great graduation placements and that everyone returns for the second year.

At our Fall meeting we mentioned a skills gap study one of the faculty at Northland conducted. Our department was lacking in areas of self-management, manners and etiquette, and communication. We talked about ways to address these issues and one idea was to have industry professionals come in to discuss these issues in the workplace. If anyone would be interested in speaking with our classes, we would love to hear from you.

Two years ago in April we hosted our first biannual Meet and Greet event. It was well attended by professionals and past and current students, both first and second year. This gives students an opportunity to meet with professionals in a non-formal environment. We plan to host another this April and will keep you posted as we firm up a date and time. Also, if anyone is looking to hire we are willing to work with schedules to get students working before graduation.

Erin has been approved to take a sabbatical leave next year to develop an online and on demand Intro to CAD class aimed mainly at industry professionals. This will be separate from our program but the idea is that anyone who completes the online Intro class would be exempt from taking ARCH 1122 CAD I if they decided to enroll in the program. We will be looking for substitute teachers. Please let us know if you're interested or if you know of someone who might be.

We plan on having our regular Fall Advisory Board meeting in October but we would still like to know if there is anything that should be brought to our attention. Please feel free to contact us at any time or swing by the department to visit. Thanks for your continued support of our program!

Sincerely,

Rod and Erin