

February 11, 2021

Re: Advisory Board meetings

Hello everyone:

“Cuz of Covid” are the three little words that affected so much this past year and it is also why we didn’t have a traditional advisory board meeting last fall. We won’t have one this spring as well. In lieu of a meeting we wanted to check in with everyone. Considering everything, we feel the department is doing well and we hope you are all doing well also.

Prior to last fall administration capped our first year enrollment at 14 (versus 20) to allow more distance between students. A handful of students were out at various times to quarantine or because they contracted Covid but largely it was a non-issue. Students can attend class via Zoom at any time. We have 12 students currently and only one student didn’t continue on to spring semester. We also have two new students this spring taking Environmental Design and Model Building so hopefully they will return full time in the fall. In the second year class, we had 8 students return, which is a typical number in a normal year so we are happy with those numbers.

If your company is open to having any students job shadow, or even just to have a brief meeting with students (in person or online) please let us know. That’s always a good opportunity for students to see the work environment and get a feel for their future. Normally this spring is when we’d be planning our Meet and Greet event but we won’t host it this year. We would still like to find ways to connect potential employers and our students.

Rod plans to retire at the end of Spring 2022. He’ll take with his wealth of knowledge and good stories and leave us with big shoes to fill. Administration will likely start a search that summer but if you know of anyone who might be interested you can put it on their radar. Ideally the candidate would be an architect with construction experience and Revit knowledge.

We hope to have a regular Fall Advisory Board meeting in October but please let us 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,

Erin and Rod