



Northland Community and Technical College
Architectural Technology and Design
Advisory Board Meeting – February 9th, 2022
Location – Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Trevor Anderson – Foss Architects

Dennis Bukowski – JLG

Mark Sundet – ICON

Rachel Harris – EAPC

Rod Lahren – NCTC Arch. Tech. & Design

Erin Bulger – NCTC Arch. Tech. & Design

Jodi Stauss – NCTC Dean of Health, Public Services
& Technical Programs

Brian Huschle – NCTC Vice President of Academics
and Student Affairs

Members not in attendance:

Trent Peabody – Lumber Mart

Tricia Behm-Johnson – Sterling Carpet One

Minutes:

- Brian Huschle gave an overview of the Career Impact Academy, where he serves on the steering committee as well as the academic programming committee. This project will be a county wide program for high schools, available through the public school district, for career and technical programs. The project has immense community partner support from over 20 local businesses, who have contributed to the funding. While it's too early to formulate direct relations with Northland, the plan is to have articulation agreements, transfer equivalents, or something along those lines in place to promote the pathway between the Career Impact Academy and Northland.
- Jodi Stauss gave an overview of the current Strategic Planning Process, where Northland and our new President Dr. Sandra Kiddoo are looking to investigate and develop potential non-traditional delivery modes for programming. There is an emphasis to try and meet workforce needs, which might look like customized training or something along those lines. Any suggestions or ideas in these potential delivery modes would be welcomed as we try to meet the needs of the community. Jodi also mentioned the Forx Builders Association Project House, which creates opportunities for the building trade students to meet with industry partners who are contracted to complete some pieces of the Project House.
- Along those lines, Erin mentioned the first student completed the online CAD course that is available through Northland's Workforce Development Solutions. This was developed in 2019-2020 during her sabbatical. The hope is that people in industry who need to learn AutoCAD can access this for a self-guided course covering the basics of AutoCAD.
- Dennis Bukowski mentioned JLG goes into the local high schools and works with students to promote the Architecture industry by co-teaching on various projects. We will investigate if there is a way to "piggy back" on this with Architectural Technology.
- A discussion about current low enrollment and recruitment efforts brought up trying to make a more concentrated effort on rural high schools. While Rod and Erin attend the local circuit of career expos, including a new opportunity for Detroit Lakes and Park Rapids students this year, a more focused effort might be helpful. We will look at visiting STEM classes as well, beyond the typical building trade classes we've previously visited.

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- In New Business, the Architectural Technology and Design Program now has an articulation agreement with Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis. Students can transfer their 2 year AAS degree, complete another 3 years of Architecture courses and graduate with a Bachelor of Architecture. Especially appealing for some is the online delivery for this option. Northland also has articulation agreements in place with Minnesota State University - Moorhead for Construction Management and with Bemidji State University for Industrial Technology.
- There have been a number of companies interested in recruiting students so the job outlook is great. If any company is interested in visiting with students about open positions we welcome classroom visits or tours. We are hoping to host a meet and greet/networking event this spring, potentially with the other building trades as well.

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