



Northland Community and Technical College
Architectural Technology and Design
Advisory Board Meeting – November 20th, 2024 4:30
Location – EGF 515

Attendees:

Travis Anderson - Minnkota Power Cooperative
Trent Peabody – Lumber Mart
Tylden Kossan – JLG
Ross Hammer - EAPC
Nick Stahl – NCTC Arch. Tech. & Design
Erin Bulger – NCTC Arch. Tech. & Design
Don Fischer – Interim Associate Dean of Technical Programs

Not in attendance:

Rachel Harris – EAPC
Dennis Bukowski – JLG
Josh Tanke – ICON

Minutes:

- Introduction of attendees. Trevor Anderson has stepped down from the Advisory Board.
- Enrollment is looking better with first years. Ten students started at the beginning of the semester, one being a Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO) student from EGF and one being a returning student. One student withdrew from the program with plans to return after dealing with family issues. We have four students joining in the spring where they can take Model Construction and Environmental Design as there are no prerequisites for those classes. Outreach efforts this semester have included attending the Northern Valley Career Expo as in previous years. We also hosted a group of high school trades students from Central (Red River was unable to attend) and EGF will be visiting in early December. Northland recently hired a new recruiter to fill an open position from over the summer, so that person is getting oriented and up to speed. We continue to look for opportunities to promote our program.
- Along those lines, Erin is in the early stages of developing an Online College in the High School (OCHS) course for CAD I, which is a 5 credit first-year class, covering the basics of AutoCAD. This would hopefully encourage high school students to pursue the Architectural Technology program.
- The schedule has been adjusted for Model Construction and Environmental Design to run as 8 week courses instead of 16 week courses. The credit load remains the same and students will complete work outside of the scheduled course hours. This model seems to be popular with

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students in other programs, where students gain more flexibility in their day and can choose when they complete the other work.

- Northland is in the early phases of a Presidential search as well as searching for full-time Liberal Arts and Technical deans.
- Discussion was had regarding additional curriculum for creating families/parameters in Revit and providing more Bluebeam and collaboration experience. Erin will investigate this.

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