

April 25, 2025

Re: Spring Advisory Board meeting

Hello everyone:

Due to the lack of items to address on our end we will cancel the Spring Advisory Board meeting. We would still like to know if there is anything that should be brought to our attention so please feel free to get in touch with us to discuss. Otherwise, we plan to have our regular Fall Advisory meeting in-person at 4:00, date to be determined.

Spring semester has been busy. The adjustment for Model Construction and Environmental Design to run as hybrid went well. We had six new students register for those classes and three have already registered for Fall courses.

At the end of March, Northland hosted the T4 Summit (<https://www.t4ndsummit.org/>). Over the course of two days approximately 1100 area students visited our EGF campus and participated in various workshops. This was great exposure and we hope to continue hosting this event.

Northland also hosted Expo days at each campus (Warroad, Thief River, and East Grand) and our department attended each. Students in 7-12th grade were invited, along with businesses to help students understand the pathway into their industry. Rod volunteered to help with the Warroad and Thief River sites so most classes were not disrupted on those days. This was a great way to get more people on campus and learn about all we offer.

Last week, our interim president Dr. Shari Olson was selected to be Northland's permanent President. The Dean searches continue and the Dean for our program will likely be selected over the summer months.

Based on board recommendations to add more curriculum for creating families/parameters in Revit and providing more Bluebeam and collaboration experience, we will adjust our Content and Project Management course from 3 credits to 4. To change this without increasing credits, we'll adjust Presentation (SketchUp course) from 4 to 3. First year students have started using Bluebeam for redlines and estimating so more of that experience will be included wherever possible.

A reminder for our bi-annual networking event "Building Connections" next Tuesday April 29th from 4:00 to 6:00. The Welding Technology department will be joining as well. Feel free to invite anyone else you think would be interested. The invitation is attached. Two of our three graduates have work lined up but a number of our first years are interested in internships.

Again, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about anything.

Thank you,

Nick and Erin

Enrollment info:

1st year – Fall 2024: started with 10, 1 withdrew, 1 is PSEO, and 1 is a returning student. Spring 2025: 8 remaining (including PSEO and returning student), 1 did not complete Fall semester. 6 additional new for spring offerings

2nd year – Fall 2024: 3 full-time students, 1 part-time, 1 returning student. Spring 2025: 3 full-time, 1 part-time