



## **Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

### ***Interior Design Program***

*Tuesday April 23, 2013, 6 pm – 7 pm*

*Technology Center, Room TC 315*

*Lake Worth Campus*

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#### **ITEM 1 - Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved.

#### **ITEM 2 - Evaluation of Program and Facilities**

Council members acknowledged that the Interior Design program curriculum includes all aspects required for students to enter the field. The Council noted that field trips as well as guest speakers are excellent opportunities to communicate supplemental information to students.

During the current academic year, students have had the opportunity to hear from industry representatives such as Sherwin Williams, Cambria, and Kravet. Students have also visited showrooms including DCOTA, Floor & Décor, and House of Appliances. The council recommended to continuing providing these venues of learning.

Prof. Espinosa inquired about the continuation of providing a specialized course in Kitchen & Bath Design. Mr. Cortes pointed out that it is important for students to have an understanding of the construction and detail aspects of K & B design. Although designers may or may not be involved in the entire process, awareness and knowledge enhance communication with vendors and contractors. Therefore, the Council recommended on continuing offering the K & B course.

#### **ITEM 3 - New Developments in Business and Industry**

Ms. Goff mentioned green design which is becoming more widespread. We offer a class in sustainable design and students are required to apply this knowledge in their commercial studio projects.

#### **ITEM 4 - Other**

Ms. Grammer proposed students starting their internship early as to get a better idea of what it takes to be an interior designer. Prof. Espinosa stated that most of our students do their internships in their last term. This is for students to bring more skills and knowledge to the internship which is what companies are looking for.



Prof. Espinosa mentioned as an alternative for students to shadow a designer in their first semester. A mentoring program could also provide students with the opportunity to connect with professionals.

**ATTENDANCE**

Joseph Cortes  
Nancy DeSantis  
Zenaida Espinosa  
Gosia Fedele

Kristin Goff  
Rhonda Grammer  
Georgia Merten

**Submitted by:**

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