

VENTURA COLLEGE
PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT
CTE ADVISORY MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 @ 12PM

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions of CTE Advisory Members**
- 2. Monica Furmanski shares current state of the photography department at VC and the goals of CTE**
- 3. Members of the Advisory share or make suggestions**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Monica Furmanski, Lead Assistant Professor of Photography, Ventura College

Steve Callis, Lead Professor of Photography at Moorpark College

Douglas Mc Cullough, Senior Curator at UCR Arts, California Museum of Photography

Lisette Bourne, Lead Faculty, Photography CTE Program, Riverside Unified School District

Jonas Jungblut, Professional Photographer

Advisory Members unable to attend:

Ron Mules, Dean, Arts and Humanities, VC

Sharla Fell, Chair, Dept. Of Art, VC

Aimee Stanchina, Photographer

Nikolas Maslov, UCR, Photography/Video Dept.

- 1. Each member introduced themselves to the group**
- 2. Monica Furmanski shared information about the current format of the photography program at Ventura College, along with the requirements for students seeking an AA or a COA in Photography. She opened the discussion up amongst the members seeking suggestions for programing in the photography department that would better equip students with the skills to succeed after graduating from a CTE AA or COA program.**

3. Members recommended the following:

- Students should have knowledge of historical and contemporary photographic practices
- Equipment, such as Pro Foto Lighting systems would be beneficial for students seeking employment, as this lighting system is one of the industry standards

- Knowledge of studio lighting for commercial, product, portraiture is important for industry jobs

- Internships or job shadowing recommended as part of their learning experience at VC

- Digital photography and editing are important skills to have for working in the industry

- Analog photography supplies students with the basic knowledge and understanding of photography, which will set them up with a stronger skillset

- Soft skills are equally as important, such as understanding how to work with people and talk with people. Learning how to network and have in person connections.

- Business of photography or marketing/business class would be important. Monica Furmanski noted that Applied Photography teaches students the business side of photography.

Meeting ended at 12:35pm.

