

# CE Program Advisory Committee Meeting Architectural Technology

2020-2021

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# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- Committee members introduced themselves and confirmed their respective titles and roles at their respective companies.
- Rose Anne G. Kings reviewed the role and responsibilities of this meeting as follows:
  - Review and access the structure, program-level outcomes and curriculum of the Architectural Technology program;
  - Ratify and recommend changes to program structure, PSLOs and curriculum so that the program and curriculum align to stated occupational outcomes and industry needs and requirements.

#### 2. Program Outcome Data

- Review and ratification of Programs and Program- Level Outcomes (PLOs) The following PLOs were reviewed and ratified:
  - Architectural Design 1 & 2
    - An entry-level professional position at an architectural or related design office.
    - Critical thinking, design, and visual communication for successful transfer to a university professional program in Architecture and/or related Environmental Design.
    - A junior/intermediate level drafting/design position at an architectural or related firm.
  - o <u>Design/Build</u>: Design, develop, and construct small, sustainable projects.
  - <u>Digital Fabrication for Architecture</u>: Design, develop, and construct threedimensional environmental design installations and objects using digital fabrication tools.
  - <u>Environmental Resource Management</u>: Provide students with the skills and resources needed to find jobs across all industry sectors related to environmental resource management.
  - <u>FrameCAD Steel Design</u>: Successful students in this program will be able to design and produce digital files for a small structure using FrameCAD Structure and Detailer software and export the file for production in FrameCAD Factory.
  - FrameCAD Steel Production:
    - Successful students in this program will be able to safely manufacture steel frame custom components using a FrameCAD F325iT machine and safely assemble the components into a structure.
    - Successful students will be able to operate and maintain a FrameCAD machine and be able to document projects, materials, and machine records.
    - Successful students will able to organize and schedule project workflow to utilize the machine and workers efficiently and safely.
  - Integrated Project Design: Prepares students to design, develop, virtually construct, administrate, and prototype multi-disciplinary projects using BIM-based technology.
  - Sustainable Design: Prepares students to design, develop, analyze, and promote sustainable environmental design practices.
  - Design Innovations: Students will be able to design, plan, build, and produce power for a small structure at an entry level of skill in the design/build profession. (new for Fall 2021)

### • Biennial Program Review (BR) (Attached)

- The committee reviewed occupation/job titles and codes and wage information; and ratified "as is."
  - There is a documented labor market demand for the job outcomes of this program.

- The wages shown on the BR support the earnings needed within the market to live in Orange County.
- The median earnings meet OC's cost of living (COL) wage.
- The median wages mostly exceed the OC COL wage.
- o Enrollment and Completer Status and Trends
  - Healthy amount of job openings and job opportunities
  - Steady enrollment in the program and in courses
  - Certificate Numbers Down
    - Certificate numbers given to OCC students were down on the BR.
      - OCC numbers peaked in 2017-2018 with 48 certificates awarded.
      - 25 certificates awarded in 2018-2019
      - 20 certificates awarded in 2019-2020 (COVID-19 year)
      - Other colleges in the area had lower numbers.
      - Other colleges only have drafting and OCC has many programs.
      - The data regarding the number of certificates given in the past two years showed a decline.
  - A discussion ensued to help increase the number of certificates and AAs the program will give in the coming years.
    - Do better at promoting program completion to students in introductory courses
    - Provide economically disadvantaged students high powered computers capable of doing required coursework
      - Asking for computer donations from the professional community for economically disadvantaged students
      - Chromebooks are not enough
    - Inform students about what is needed to get licensure in Architecture.
    - Informing students will promote students to go into the field and attain certificates and associate degrees and be transfer ready.
    - Ron Culver with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has offered to inform OCC students on what they need to do to become a licensed architect.
    - AIA has free courses and support groups for members and membership is free
- Licensure/certification exam pass rates: (N/A)
- Employment Outcome Data
  - Institution Set Standard

Institution Set	Job Placement Rate (%)			
Standard (%)	2016	2017	2018	2019
75%	76.47	71.43	66.67	65.52

# • Perkins Program Core Indicators (Attach)

- Core Indicator 1 shows the program does a good job with technical skill attainment.
- The committee made suggestions for improvements in recruitment, retention, and completions of economically disadvantaged students:
  - Found students without higher ability computers can get into the class, but can't do the work.
  - Anyone with excess computer equipment please donate it to our program.
    - Donated computers and equipment will be used for economically disadvantaged students.
    - The IT Department will wipe donated computers and make them ready for economically disadvantaged students.
- Completions and Transfer Ready
  - A discussion ensued to help increase the number of certificates and AAs the program will give out to nontraditional students and economically

disadvantaged students.

- Staff can do a better at promoting program certificates to students.
- Provide economically disadvantaged students high powered computers capable of doing required coursework.
- The chrome books handed-out are not enough computer power for students in the Architectural Technology program.
- AIA has offered to collect donated computers and equipment from our professional community.
- Inform students of campus support for economically disadvantaged students.
- The program is getting on board with Guided Pathways, outreach, and active recruiting with equity being increasingly important and emphasized.
- Inform students about what is need to get licensure in Architecture.
  - Informing students will promote students to go into the field and attain certificates and associate degrees to be transfer ready.
  - Ron Culver with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has offered to inform OCC students on what they need to do to become a licensed architect.
  - Ron Culver suggested giving licensure information at the high school level so students think about becoming architects and will come to OCC to start making it happen.
  - Professor Kings covers licensure in intro to architecture and introduces students to the state website and shows them how to log hours from their part-time and full-time jobs.
  - NotLY (Not licensed yet) offers free seminars on the Architecture Registration Examination (ARE) and CRE (commercial real estate)
    - Started by Doug Noble and Karen Kensek at USC
    - Students can register and attend free classes and attend support groups
    - Students should send an email to <u>dnoble@usc.edu</u> with "NotLY Licensing Classes at USC to sign-up
  - David Molinaro in charge of licensing in the area
    - AIA offers free membership that includes:
      - o Full exam prep type review programs in all local chapters
      - Study groups to get people through exams

## 3. Review of Last Advisory Committee Recommendations and Progress Report

- Goals Summarized from last meeting on December 13, 2019: The minutes were reviewed and approved by the committee.
  - 3 constituents are being supported:
    - 1. research/academic path (exploring undergraduate participation and connections between graduate and undergraduate architecture programs, focus on architecture computational research, urban lab opportunities, and other relevant design topics)
    - 2. professional/traditional path (preparing students to be emerging professionals and outlining a path to licensure and career paths, while still supporting the long-term values of critical design thinking, design literacy, and foundation drawing and communication skills), and
    - 3. maker/entrepreneurial path
  - Integrated FrameCAD as a construction technology and maker/entrepreneurial opportunity and developed the Design/Build as an academic and practical means of creating an active laboratory for design research and professional maker opportunities.
    - Rose Anne Kings wrote the curriculum.
    - Students have been taking the courses offered.
    - Things slowed down with COVID-19.

- FrameCAD is one of the options for the integrated project design certificate.
- We have a career path now through our FrameCAD certificates for specialty jobs in that area.
- FrameCAD made a prototype for an Armenian Refugee Housing Progect that they will be using.
- Promoted the Environmental Resource Management and Sustainable Design programs as opportunities to collaborate with other programs and considered revisions to curriculum.
  - Sustainable design has been pretty popular with students.
  - Getting a lot of excited students taking the environmental classes.
  - The bigger certificate did not have the support at first; however, the third class was able to be offered this semester with an enthusiastic group of students doing a zero waste and sustainability report for a local restaurant.
  - Should see more collaboration with other programs
    - Talked to the program heads in fashion and culinary, and we're starting to work together
    - Still tweaking curriculum to make more intelligent connections
- Repositioning how we are can get the outdoor area slab finished so that students can have a workspace for classes and to relocate equipment into more practical locations for working and activities like pouring concrete.
  - The outdoor work environment is necessary to promote student health and to keep the indoor spaces free of bulky supplies and equipment.
  - We have two pads out back and they're all cracked and they're partially raised.
    - Everything on hold right now with COVID-19
    - The idea was to repurpose the pads, but the prices came in high.
    - DI- yard now
    - The area may be used for the design innovation certificate
    - We envision working out in the yard to get this workspace for students completed.
- Getting on board with Guided Pathways, outreach, and active recruiting.
  - Developing a clear vision and purpose that represents and serves the 3 constituents identified above
  - Need to be aware on the increasing need of equity especially with the divide widening with COVID-19
  - Community becoming more important now and need to reach out communally in a more digital world
  - Year two focus to be a balance between entrepreneurial efforts and environmental systems
  - Have a value wheel to share with others to show how we will drill specific methods and skill sets
  - Hoping to produce certain positive qualities in the program and quality students

#### 4. Review of New Program Proposals/Developments

- Review of Existing Programs for Revision or Recommendations
  - Rose Anne Kings has submitted for two new certificates: Design Innovations (8 units) Credit and Non-Credit (free & repeatable) versions.
    - For credit first semester courses (4 units):
      - Arch A104 Intro to FrameCAD Steel Framing existing course worth 1
      - Arch A105 Architectural Drawing & Design Visualization 1 existing course worth 2 units
      - Arch A106 Accessory Dwelling Unit Design new course worth 1 unit
    - For credit second semester courses (4 units):
      - Arch A107 Tiny House Design existing course worth 1 unit

- Arch A108 Solar Panels for Small Structures new course worth 1 unit or Const A160 Solar Panels for Small Structures – new course worth 1 unit
- Arch A201 Design/Build 1 for Architecture existing course worth 2 units or Arch A201H Design/Build 1 for Architecture Honors – existing course worth 1 unit
- Non-credit first semester courses (4 units):
  - Arch A004N Intro to FrameCAD Steel Framing existing course worth 1 unit
  - Arch A005N Architectural Drawing & Design Visualization 1 new course worth 2 units
  - Arch A006N Accessory Dwelling Unit Design new course worth 1 unit
- Non-credit second semester courses (4 units):
  - Arch A007N Tiny House Design existing course worth 1 unit
  - Arch A008N Solar Panels for Small Structures new course worth 1 unit
     or Const A060N Solar Panels for Small Structures new course worth 1 unit
  - Arch A001N Design/Build 1 for Architecture new course worth 2 units
- Dean Abernathy and Rose Anne Kings are exploring ways to connect research, computational design, urbanism, and related design topics into a connected pathway for undergraduates and post-graduates.
  - Trying to make links to Call Poly and other transfer programs
  - Encouraging students to do computational design

#### Curriculum

- Design Innovations certificates have been approved for Fall 2021 and include new classes in: Accessory Dwelling Unit Design, Solar Panels for Small Structures.
  - Getting older students through these new classes
  - Getting high school students through these new innovative classes
  - Great introduction to our technology division
- Several courses have been submitted for Online/Hybrid options
  - This allows for flexibility and promotes access for students.
  - Teachers did Emergency Remote Teaching classes (ERT).

#### Equipment/Facilities

- Kings and Abernathy have strategized for how to clear the outdoor Yard area and prep for slabs in order to support the Design Innovations classes as well as other design/build projects and courses.
- Joseph Sarafian and Paras Nanavati would like to propose new integrated project management and visualization technology.
- Outgrown our building- 20 to 25 years off to getting a new building, but in the line to get one

#### 5. Work-Based Learning Opportunities

- Overview of existing work-based learning elements of program and gaps or needs
  - o Use guest speakers to invigorate and educate our students
  - There will be gaps in student learning with COVID that we will need to address
  - Students doing the IOC competition- a hands-on design competition
- Advisor recommendations and referrals for new internships or apprenticeship opportunities
  - Students get jobs from advisory board members.
    - We have a semi-private Facebook that reaches over 500 people.
    - We have an OCC job board that advisors can post any open positions.
    - Christina Anchondo, Career Outreach Specialist, coordinates the OCC Career Fair. If you are interested in participating, please email her so she can add you to OCC's employer's list.

#### 6. Industry Update & Employment Trends

- Emerging technologies and industry developments impacting instructional programs
  - Laser scanning (LiDar) used in the industry
    - Highly accurate at internalizing measure to document and capture a space
    - Evolved technology, not new tech, but ubiquitous instead of a luxury
    - Two types:
      - Aerial
      - Terrestrial
    - Both Architectural Design and Engineering and Construction spaces using this scanning for projects- very promising!
    - Predict it will be more ubiquitous because new iPhones and new iPads have a LiDar scanner interface
  - Blue Beam software knowledge needed (may be covered a bit in course curriculum in Arch A157, and Arch A158)
  - New hires need a knowledge and comfort on the biggest platforms used in presentations: WebX, Zoom, Team- OCC might consider offering a class in digital workflows
  - Love having guest speakers to discuss emerging technologies to prepare students
  - Some technology needs manipulating to use.
    - A need to work with students within the curriculum on how to develop new technology and interpret data better than just the standard out of the box stuff
    - Nick Pisca was asked to write plug-ins for architectural firms for LiDar scans to make them usable.
    - Need "Best Practices" specific to the hardware and software that is going to be used
    - The Best Practices topic would be great to test in an Arch A199: special topics course
    - Make a protocol for best practices so others such as adjuncts and the community can learn from the individual experimentation
    - Suggested to offer a survey type class in multiple alternative types of software
    - Students should be able to cross platforms.
- *Industry* hiring practices and trends
  - Lot of international sales in countries that have stimulus packages in the pandemic
  - Low level lay-offs in Architecture and Engineering in COVID-19
  - Trend to tested veteran automation
  - Almost all sales are international right now.
  - Subcontractors and suppliers seem to be struggling more with the pandemic.
  - People need to know how to navigate zoom or whatever they use to interface with clients.
  - The trend now is that architects are no longer the primary source of contact. That old way of doing things is disappearing.
    - People going to the electrician or other domains needed separately.
    - Train students to find a landing spot in a firm or go on to a five-year university.
  - Technology is completing evolving and altering the work environment.
  - o New hires need critical thinking processes and versatility to compete in this field.
  - o New hires need to know how to learn in the wide range of tools available.
  - New hires need to be self-directed to navigate the field.
  - Students get hired by our advisory board members.
    - We have a semi-private Facebook that reaches over 500 people.
    - We have an OCC job board that advisors can post any open positions.
    - We have a Spring Job Fair that committee advisors can participate in.

- OCC/Department & Transfer Schools' Response to Covid-19 Pandemic
  - People struggling and trying to support them
  - Greater amount of outreach with perspective students
    - Transfer schools giving slack to students
    - Transfer schools offering a greater amount outreach such as online portfolio workshops to those interested in transferring

# 7. Summary of Recommendations

- New or Revision of Curriculum/Classes or Program Structure
  - Two new certificates: Design Innovations (8 units) Credit and Non-Credit (free & repeatable) versions to include existing courses and the following new courses:
    - Accessory Dwelling Unit Design
      - Arch A106 (credit course)
      - Arch A006N (non-credit course)
    - Solar Panels for Small Structures course
      - Arch A108 (credit course)
      - Cons A160 (credit course)
      - Arch A008N (non-credit course)
      - Cons A060N (non-credit course)
    - Additional non-credit courses:
      - Arch A005N Arch Drawing & Design Visualization 1
      - Arch A001N Design/Build 1 for Architecture
  - Want to do something that might appeal to post graduates to help them engage in research component such as:
    - Urbanism
    - Suburban or Urban Lab
  - Look into running a special topics course, Arch A199, on how to develop new technology and interpret data better than just the standard out of the box stuff, a best practices course for dealing with massive data (way to experiment with this topic being a future course)
- New Equipment/Technology
  - Look into new software/platform purchases and the purchasing of licensing for the college:
    - Blue Beam
    - Revlt program
    - Plan Grid
    - Miro collaborative software
    - Lumion and Enscape rendering and 360 view we have that and students use that for free
    - White Board for Teams (was mentioned it's similar to Miro with less options)
    - Plan grid
    - WebX
    - Concept Board
    - Licensing on any software we use
    - Rabbit plug-in for FrameCAD
  - o Continue purchasing materials for the paths
  - o Continue purchasing technology we have for robotics and C&C machines
  - Hardware purchases such as:
    - LiDar scanning support items such as iPADs and drones
    - upgrade and servicing of equipment
  - Concrete pads
  - Money for demolitions and regrading
  - o Rollover of the last things on ARRs that we didn't get last year
  - o Equipment to make a safe environment: PPEs, cleaners, etc.
  - Air change equipment/HEPA equipment

- Other recommendations for program improvement:
  - Make sure students know how to use Blue Beam.
  - Make sure students have knowledge and comfort on the biggest platforms used in presentations: WebX, Zoom, Team.
  - Have a class in digital workflows.
  - Have protocols for working in the makerspace during COVID such as who can
    use it and how many can be there at a time.
    - Ron Kransnitz spoke of the following Huntington Beach Library's Makerspace protocols:
      - 3 people max inside the space at a time
      - Only volunteers and staff
      - Can't use the equipment right now
      - People wanting to use the makerspace and gain expertise can only do so remotely
    - Make OCC Makerspace protocols and have in-class lab time during COVID-19. Architecture is a very hands-on program that needs to be taught in person.

# 8. Closing Remarks

o If you are sitting in your home and you forgot to say anything, please email us.