

Interior Design Advisory Board Meeting – Friday, November 1, 2019

Meeting Minutes

11/1/2019

1-2:30 p.m.

Present: Leonor Cabrera, Jonathan Wax, Elsa Torres, Denny Holland, Sharon Kasser, Liz Carroll, Nancy Wolford, Lilly Yee, Jennifer Glynn, Anjana Joshi, Carolyn Soto, Linda Sanford, Deneb Semprum

Next meeting: TBD

1. Introductions – Elsa Torres

- a. Thanks to everyone for coming and supporting our program
- b. Nancy Wolford – Working on the documentation of the program for the 50 year anniversary coming up, please contact her with any photos or articles from over the years.

2. Division Update – Leonor Cabrera & Jonathan Wax

- a. Building 13 will be getting a modernization in the upcoming years.
 - i. Improvements to ITS, heating and cooling, etc.
 - ii. Larger classrooms
 - iii. Interior Design will still be in the same place, possibly expanding
 - iv. Architecture Firm listened to Interior Design Faculty in the design of the space, hoping to have input on the furniture selection
 - v. Review of Proposal from Architecture Firm
 1. Members of the committee would be willing to help/advise on the lighting components.
 2. Would love to have students of this program involved more in the process of the modernization
 3. Connect board members with Sustainability Officer for the College District
 - vi. District Standards are available online:
<https://www.smccd.edu/facilities/designstandards.php>

- b. Marketing update for the program

3. Current Curriculum Review – Elsa Torres

- a. Interior Design, Kitchen and Bath, and Home Staging certificates
- b. INTD 300: Studio 1 – Home Staging – is a new class, replaces a fashion class, after feedback from this committee.

- i. Discussion on changing the amount of units of this course from 5 to 3 – better for students
 - ii. Content of course will not change.
- c. INTD 350: Commercial Design course
 - i. Students have been interested in reactivating this course.
 - ii. Younger designers have background from this program and there is value in commercial design.
 - iii. Graduates from SJSU are employed by different commercial firms – but the program is more conceptual than technical, something that distinguish our program from them
 - iv. Many students are getting a master's degree at Academy of Art (the school has been closing most of their campuses)
 - v. Suggestion for commercial course, it would be useful if students are exposed to the job market, example, connecting with the company Inside-source could be an excellent start
 - vi. Discussion on the course being required vs selective.
 - 1. The board agrees that the class should be required, not just selective.
 - vii. Course, if marketed correctly, would be attractive to program graduates.
- d. New Portfolio Course
 - i. We do not want to increase the amount of units required for our degrees/certificates. This has been discussed for years in this program
 - ii. Some current courses gloss over the importance of a Portfolio, but not a class focused on it.
 - iii. Discussion on scheduling, board suggests offering the course once every three semesters or every other semester.
 - iv. The board unanimously supports the creation of a new Portfolio Course
 - v. Portfolio Course could also cover soft skills, this would be valuable
 - 1. Discussion on this course being focused on helping students get a job in the interior design field.
 - 2. Covering their skills
 - vi. Discussion on the Portfolio course being a summer offering
 - 1. This could also appeal to architecture students
- e. Chief Architect Course
 - i. Discussion on Sketch Up vs Chief Architect

- ii. Feedback has been very positive on Chief Architect
- 4. Meeting adjourns