

## ADVISORY BOARD MONTHLY UPDATE: DECEMBER 2016

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Season's greetings SDC Central Board Members!

This is your last update for 2016. Phil, Jim and I had our monthly call on Thursday, Dec 15. The main points of discussion included the upcoming spring meeting in Pullman March 2 & 3 and recruitment of new board members. Below are the highlights of that discussions and few other notables from the SDC.

### SDC Central Board Spring 2017 Meeting

You should all be making reservations for the spring board meetings set for March 2 & 3 (Thu/Fri) in Pullman. A draft agenda is attached. Per our past discussions, we have made significant allowances on the agenda each day to engage the students. Faculty, students and programs boards are busy brainstorming a variety of ways to do this and we welcome your input / ideas. Please remember to make your flight, hotel and transportation reservations soon. Be sure to pass this reminder on to your program board members. We will check back in Jan/Feb next year to get an RSVP list going to help us with the meeting logistics.

### Board Member Recruitment and Giving Status

Some great news on the recruitment front. We have several new board members in the LA and Arch programs. This in turn has reminded us the need to officially welcome and thank the new members. Each time a new member joins a board, the SDC Director will use a form letter that will be personalized and emailed to the individual. The program head, central and programs board chairs will be copied. Phil has already completed and sent the letters to each of the new members in LA and Arch - thanks Phil! When a new member joins, please be sure to let Phil and me know to help expedite the welcome and thank you follow up.

On the giving/contributions front we are making good progress. That said, we still have work to do to make sure all members are being encouraged to make their annual gift as soon as possible. This is important in that the sooner the gift is received, the sooner we can put it to work for the current initiatives - in this case the Virtual Lab. We think the March meeting will be a great time to update everyone on the board's generosity and gently remind those who haven't done so to make their annual gift. I would also like to have a group discussion about each program's bylaws as well as future school-wide initiatives at the Central Board meeting in March.

### Faculty, Students and Curriculum

I will keep this short and defer you to Jaime Lynn's good work on the noteworthy-news section of the SDC website. <http://sdc.wsu.edu/blog/noteworthy-news/>. A couple of highlights include Steve Austin's efforts with the Coeur d'Alene tribe and the integrated student team earning a second place finish in 2016 Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) national student competition! And all our best to Jolie Kaytes, associate professor and LA program head, who will be on sabbatical for the spring 2017 semester.

### SDC Calendar

Gallery shows: <http://sdc.wsu.edu/gallery-shows/>

Upcoming lectures: <http://sdc.wsu.edu/lecture-series/>

Please remember to distribute this update to respective program boards to keep our all of our SDC members aware of events, initiatives and happenings with the students and faculty.

My very best wishes to you and your families over the holidays. I look forward to working with everyone in 2017.

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