

ADVISORY BOARD MONTHLY UPDATE: JANUARY 2017

Happy New Year SDC Central Board Members!

I hope you are off to a great start in 2017. The primary topic for January and February is the upcoming spring meeting March 2nd and 3rd in Pullman. The Solar Decathlon is also building momentum and will be part of the spring meeting discussion. And as usual—a few noteworthy items regarding the faculty, students, curriculum, and calendar events are noted below.

SDC Central Board Spring 2017 Meeting

Hopefully you have made your reservations for the spring meeting in Pullman. Remember that the SDC has reserved a block of rooms at the [Holiday Inn Express](#). Please be sure to complete your room reservation by February 1 (mention the “WSU School of Design and Construction” room block in order to receive the discounted room prices) and RSVP for the meeting with Jessica Jackson at <mailto:jessica.jackson@wsu.edu>. Two draft (and I want to re-iterate *draft*) agendas are attached. A compiled agenda for all events Thu/Fri and an agenda for the central board meeting only on Thursday. The program heads are working hard to coordinate a number of what we hope will be fantastic opportunities for advisory board members to engage more directly with students. I think we are in for a real treat and a significant change from last year’s meeting. For all of you central board members, please note that your presence is required at our central board meeting on Thursday from 1:30 – 4pm.

The Solar Decathlon

The Solar Decathlon will be one of the important agenda items at the spring meeting and we’d like to keep it at the forefront of our school-wide fundraising efforts. We still have quite a bit to raise for that initiative. As some of you know, the project will need to “ship out” for the competition in September, and students start construction later this spring. A detailed quantity take-off and project summary are attached for your review. Darrin Griechen will hopefully spend some time briefing us at the spring meeting. He and the team have worked too hard for the school to lose momentum now... they need all the help they can get!

Faculty, Students, and Curriculum

Not too much news as the semester is just getting underway: <http://sdc.wsu.edu/blog/noteworthy-news/>. A couple of highlights include the Spring 2017 Gallery Series opening with “IMPACTS: Achievements in Landscape Architecture”, the grand opening of LuxMotus Pavilion, a senior interior design studio focused on computational design and digital fabrication, and Dr. Hope Hui Rising and her students from the junior landscape architecture will host a series of design game workshops in San Francisco on adapting Dogpatch and Potrero Hill to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise.

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 up to date.

Best regards,

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