

## ADVISORY BOARD MONTHLY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2016

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This is your September 2016 update. Note that the SDC is now posting minutes of their monthly faculty-staff meetings as well as weekly leadership team meetings on the SDC website. Follow this link <http://sdc.wsu.edu/overview/sdc-documents/> and look on the right hand side of the screen under Meeting Minutes.

### SDC Central Board Meeting

The fall meeting is five weeks away and is set for **Friday, November 4, from 8:00am to 12:00pm at WSU West in Seattle**. A draft agenda is attached for review. Please let us know if you have any comments. We will be finalizing the agenda in the next couple weeks and re-sending to the group. In addition to the central board meeting, we anticipate that each program will be meeting separately the day before or immediately after our meeting.

### Faculty, Students and Curriculum

This is somewhat old news to some of you regarding leadership and faculty news. We have two new deans. Don Bender has begun his role as the interim dean for VCEA and Ron Mittelhammer has returned to the dean position at CAHNRS from his interim term as co-provost. The VCEA dean search has started. Ron Mittelhammer has also announced there will be CAHNRS dean search following the VCEA search, although there is no timeline for that process.

Phil Gruen will be stepping down as the director of SDC at the end of his contract in May 2017. Phil intends to apply for sabbatical in fall 2017 and is looking forward to returning to teaching and research and helping the school in whatever way he can. A search for a new director will not be initiated immediately, but rather to appoint an interim for 2017-18.

On the Interior Design program front, Matt Melcher will be stepping away, for one year, returning 8/1/17 to take advantage of a professional opportunity. Good luck Matt!

And congrats to Jolie Kaytes, LA program head, who was awarded a sabbatical for spring 2017.

A few other notable events:

- Landscape architecture students helping city of Moscow consider new plan for Farmers Market, <http://sdc.wsu.edu/blog/landscape-architecture-students-study-farmers-market-layout/>
- Taiji Miyasaka (Architecture) and David Drake (Fabrication Labs) showcase “Camera Perturba” at Bellevue Arts Museum Biennial: Metalmorphosis, <http://sdc.wsu.edu/blog/miyasaka-and-drake-combine-efforts-for-camera-perturba-at-bellevue-arts-museum-biennial-metalmorphosis/>

- Construction Management teams with Hospitality Business Management to engage students with modular construction process for new WSU Marriott Courtyard Hotel. As part of a new course, Construction Management (CM) and Hospitality Business Management (HBM) students toured Guerdon Enterprises in Boise on Sept. 9 to learn about the modular construction process for hotel units that will be part of WSU's new Marriott Courtyard Hotel. Navin Dimond ('85), the founder and CEO of Stonebridge Companies, initiated this industry-sponsored, interdisciplinary course between CM and HBM. Students are researching and testing the hypothesis that modular construction is a viable process for future hotel construction. <http://sdc.wsu.edu/blog/students-learn-modular-construction-process-used-in-new-campus-hotel/>
- SDC students host community workshop for Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe village expansion as part of Rural Communities Design Initiative (RCDI), <http://sdc.wsu.edu/blog/rcdi-community-workshop-sauk-suiattle-indian-tribe-village-expansion/>
- Hope Rising (Landscape Architecture) works with students and Seattle communities to combat sea-level rise, <https://news.wsu.edu/2016/09/14/sept-22-24-public-invited-help-plan-design-sea-level-rise/>
- Architecture symposium highlights summer partnership between students and professionals, <http://sdc.wsu.edu/blog/symposium-features-partnership-between-students-practitioners/>
- Landscape Architecture students “shadow” industry professionals in Spokane. Thanks to the following hosts:
  - Ken Laxton @ Environment West
  - Dave Nelson & Clayton Varick @ Land Expressions
  - Ty Ullman & Luke Schauer @ Clearwater Summit Group
  - Bill Larue, Julia Culp, Steele Fitzloff, and Dell Hatch @ Bernardo | Wills
  - Nick Hamad & Omar Akkari @ City of Spokane
  - Laura Thompson @ SPVV Landscape Architects
  - Mike Terrell & Jeff Stiltz @ Michael Terrell Landscape Architecture (MT-LA)

### **SDC Calendar**

- Hand Sketching and Engagement of Place—A Design Sketching Collaboration between Washington State University and University of Idaho, opens Monday, September 26, <http://sdc.wsu.edu/gallery-shows/>
- SDC hosts Dr. Timothy Davis, National Park Service Historian, on Legacy of National Park Roads (Callison Distinguished Guest Lecture, Wednesday, September 28), <http://sdc.wsu.edu/blog/callison-distinguished-guest-lecture-timothy-davis-september-28/>

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.