

ADVISORY BOARD MONTHLY UPDATE: SUMMER 2016

SDC Central Board Meeting

Thank you all for getting back to me about the SDC Central Board Meeting. We are confirmed for **Friday, November 4**, from 8:00am to 12:00pm at WSU West in Seattle. Many of you have been there; WSU West is located in the skyscraper at 901 5th Avenue. WSU West is located on the 29th floor (suite 2900).

Phil and I recently discussed a proposed agenda and had a brief discussion about it. This is subject to change, but for now we are looking at something like this:

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| 8:00 – 8:30 | Arrival and intro from the Director |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | Updates from SDC program heads: faculty, students and curriculum |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Central: Are 2016 program goals from the spring meeting being met? |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Board-supported SDC Initiatives Update and Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SDC Virtual Laboratory Update• Solar Decathlon Update• Possible Integrated Project Delivery student-focused activity at Spring SDC Advisory Board Meeting in Pullman (March 2-3, 2017) |
| 11:00 – Noon | Break into program groups to discuss goals for the year |
| Noon | Lunch / departure |

We will continue to fine-tune the content of the meeting in the coming months. Please feel free to share any suggestions that you may have.

SDC Calendar

The school year is around the corner, and the SDC is getting geared up for several activities.

Among these include the SDC Week of Welcome Freshmen and Transfer Student Orientation (tentatively scheduled on Thursday, August 18, from 2:30-3:30 in Carpenter Hall 102) and the All-School Welcome and Student Club BBQ (scheduled for Friday, August, 26, beginning at 4pm right outside of Carpenter Hall). If you happen to be in town, you are of course welcome at any of these events.

The invited guest lecture series and gallery shows for fall are getting closer to completion; study tour week will be Oct. 2-9 (students will be heading to New York and Seattle); and a group of students and faculty will be heading to the DBIA conference in Las Vegas from November 2-4. We will provide more information about these happenings at a later time.

Faculty, Students and Curriculum

Cheryl Scott, who has been tirelessly assisting with the setup and organization of our SDC Advisory Board meetings, is stepping down from her post as the administrative manager. We thank Cheryl for all of her hard work and we will miss her! Carrie Johnson, who comes to the SDC from the Budget and Finance Office in the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) will be assuming the role on August 1, and will be gradually introduced to duties with the advisory board.

The SDC welcomes Hope Rising, a new tenure-track candidate in Landscape Architecture. The SDC is also working to expand its Construction Management faculty in light of the new Construction Engineering program, which officially begins this fall.

SDC & Board Initiatives

Phil shared exciting news that the Virtual Lab is near completion. The walls are painted, the carpet has been installed, and the furniture donation that Vicki helped secure from Knoll has arrived. There is more to do in that room before it is ready to roll out, but thanks to Matt Melcher's efforts in coordinating this project, it is coming to fruition. Phil sends his appreciation and notes that "It is not lost on us that the SDC Advisory Board is making this happen!"

Meanwhile, the Solar Decathlon project continues to proceed; Darrin Griechen has hired project leads for design and communications, and has been working with students to finalize the conceptual design this summer. They expect to be able to unveil that by the time of the November meeting. In-kind donations are still needed; Devon Anderson is the principal contact at this time, but Phil will be happy to help facilitate that.

Finally, Phil and the SDC Leadership Team have some interesting ideas about how to better engage students with the advisory board at the big spring meeting. He plans to share more at our upcoming November meeting for discussion.