

Advisory Board / Business and
Leadership Council

Drafting

December 5, 2026

Chairperson: Carrie Hoffman		
Meeting Date: December 5, 2025	Meeting Time: 11:30AM	Meeting Place: Engineering 104
Recorder: Penelope Davies		Previous Meeting: May 13, 2025

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Others Present

P?	Name	Company	Title	Phone	Email
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P	Penelope Davies	Amarillo College	Department Chair	806-371-5901	
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Agenda

Agenda Item	Action, Discussion, Information	Responsibility
Call to Order: Chair	Approve minutes	Motion: David Nowell
	Discussion	Second: Richard Evers

Minutes	
Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Executive Dean of STEM & Academic Success	Edie Carter welcomed each of the members. She stressed the importance of considering the possibilities of a collaborative future endeavor between our drafting area and our construction area.
Member News	From our members: How is business. What new changes are you seeing in Drafting? Are you hiring? Dan Purdy: Revit important, Auto CAD, Keep up with the future trends Karyn Pierce: Working with Drafting and AmTech architecture program Lindsey Reynolds: Focus on the needs of the next generation.

	Robert Downing: Be sure students can read symbols different line types and prints in general. Know about tools and how to read them. Jordan Dugan: Working with Chief Architect is an important skill to develop. David Nowell: Important for students to be able to read prints. Students should be aware of what AI will bring to the future of drafting and construction. Students should be aware of the site information along with the Auto Desk, Universal AI, Forma Cloud. Jamie Perez: As he focuses on transfers, he noted that the east campus focuses on allowing their students to obtain skills for a great job. The WSC focus was on also allowing their students in drafting to get good jobs. TTU does have a bachelor's degree in construction management; however, WTAMU does not. Fritz Dugan: Important for the students to have experience in the field, carpentry, construction, what is being built as well as how the drafter would develop the design. What should be found on the plans along with the different standard industry symbols. The combination of construction and drafting could be invaluable for our students. Clif Burk: There is a large gap between those employees who are about to retire and those employees who are ready to work and learn. Ryan Francis: Perkins Grant focuses on providing a workforce that will meet the needs of our community. He felt the collaborative endeavor between drafting and construction would be important for our students. Travis McPherson: Technical skills are important to know Revit, CAD, etc. The experience of what the plans are communicating and the results with construction are invaluable. The students need both skills. Dusty Barrick: Collaboration and cooperation between our drafting area and our construction area will benefit the students seeking employment. Also providing our students with problem solving skills and critical thinking skills will be very helpful as they seek employment.
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	Ernie Sheets: He emphasized the importance of basic training, skill building, and hands-on opportunities for our students. He discussed his work with dual credit programs with AmTech and the benefit these programs have provided our students. David Hall: He expressed appreciation for the openness of each member and the value that cooperative and collaborative ventures could provide our members. Eric Combs: He expressed his interest in Chief Architecture as a software could bring his students at AMTech. He did understand the restrictions placed on the Data Privacy Agreement that was required. He uses Sketch Up. He also recognized the importance of combining the drafting skills with the construction skills for a greater real-world experience for our students. Many of the members recommended the following for future drafters entering the workforce: • Willingness to continue to learn • Excitement for drafting • Passion for drafting as well as the company • Adaptiveness and flexibility • Willingness to ask questions • Willingness to listen • Professional conduct at all times while on the job • Communication skills, verbal and written • Attendance, coming to work each day • Performance, providing the best drafting skills possible and willingness to always improve • Willingness and commitment to helping the company be as successful as possible Each member felt that the program Chief Architect provided our students will key drafting skills. The members also encourage our students to have experience with a 3-D scanner if possible.
Drafting News	Carrie Hoffman reviewed the Drafting Program and reflected on the fact that enrollment in our drafting program has decreased. She had attended the Canyon ISD Trades Day, the recruitment day at AmTech, and the Region 16

	Education Summit to recruit future students. She stated that her classes incorporated Basic CAD, Intermediate and advanced CAD. She utilizes Revit and Chief Architect as programs to develop our students' skills. Carrie reveals a cooperative potential certificate that would combine both drafting and construction skills for our students. Several members reflected that a more gradual combination of the two area might serve our students better. This collaboration between drafting and construction will continue to be studied. Badger Bound was discussed which will begin this fall, 2026, and will provide students who have earned 15 hours of dual credit with Amarillo College while in high school will receive a scholarship covering tuition, fees, books and course materials for up to 3 years or 45 semester credit hours. Carrie also shared that this spring an online drafting class will be offered for our students to consider. We will continue our work with the east campus and their partnership to our drafting area to grow. Carrie asked that each member complete the Perkins survey before their departure. She also indicated that she would email each member the link to complete the short survey at their convenience. Carrie thanked each member for their attendance and their willingness to share their recommendations for our drafting program.
New Business:	Online drafting classes being offered for our students this spring.
	Recruiting information – Carrie has been attending career fairs to help recruit students. We are working with AmTech to align for Technical Dual Credit for the architecture students.
	Handshake – Amarillo College has joined Handshake. Employers can create a profile to recruit employees.
Curriculum Decisions:	None
Other:	Future Trends -

	3-D Scanners being investigated for use in our classrooms which will provide our students with additional skills for our area employers. Flying drones for video capture
	Chief Architect: the members were very supportive of the program Chief Architect and encourage the use of this program so that our students could develop skills that this program provides David – Chief Architect has a lot of fun tools. From a residential design standpoint, it is quick and user friendly. Great for smaller jobs. Revit is mostly used in the commercial industry and becomes a tool after construction for the owner.
	Next Meeting: April 24, 2026, 11:30 am – 1 pm.
Adjourn:	The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

Chairperson signature (or designee):

Date: 12-5-2025

Carrie Hoffman