

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME: Photography Advisory Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Michael Schumacher		
MEETING DATE: 11/02/2012	MEETING TIME: 2:30 pm	MEETING PLACE: PH 217
RECORDER: Donna Salter		PREVIOUS MEETING: 11/18/2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name if present

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	Katy Pair	Graphic Designer/Photographer	Hillside Christian Church		Katylady58@yahoo.com
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	Vondel Stevens	Owner	Photography by Vondel	806-655-4433	vondell@att.net
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EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT

x	Brent Cavanaugh	Instructor	AC, Photography	806-371-5272	Blcavanaugh38@actx.edu
x	Rene' West	Instructor	AC, Photography	806-371-5654	rewest@actx.edu
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	Victoria Taylor-Gore	Chair	AC, Visual Arts, Design & Humanities	806-371-5982	vtaylorgore@actx.edu

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Agenda Item	Action / Discussion / Information		Responsibility
Old Business:			
Fall 2011 Minutes	Minutes approved unanimously	West motioned, Shumacher seconded	
Continuing Business:			
Curriculum – 1337 TV Production	<p>It was noted that Don Abel, radio/TV professor is continuing with DLSR camera training in his Comm 1337 TV Production to allow photography students the opportunity for video shooting and editing. The class continues to use AVID which continues to be the industry standard. Schumacher noted the increase in video work in the photography industry and stressed the importance of having video instruction in the curriculum. Committee agrees.</p>		<p>Committee agrees with the department's decision to continue having photography students enroll in Comm 1337 TV Production.</p>
Curriculum – Revisions	<p>PHTC 2343 Portfolio Development has historically been combined with ARTC Graphic Design Portfolio and taught by Pete Gonzalez, graphic design instructor. In Fall 2011 it was separated and taught by Cavanaugh due to an increase in graduating photo majors. It will remain separated and any graphic design students enrolled in ARTC 2335 will take it with Cavanaugh.</p> <p>Cavanaugh focuses on resumes, website building, portfolios, interviewing and helping portfolio students with their career paths. The students are also required to become members of a professional photography association. They also must pass a written test based on the Photographer's Certification exam.</p> <p>Cavanaugh briefly discussed the recent student trip to the Southwest Professional Photographer's Association Convention in Arlington and how valuable it was to the students. Committee agrees on the importance of student interaction with professionals in the field.</p> <p>West noted that a request to add ARTS 2356 Fundamentals of Photography I as a prerequisite to PHTC 1313 History of Photography would be submitted to the Curriculum Committee. A brief discussion followed concerning the coursework in PHTC 1313. It was also noted by West that photography students are now working closely with Student Media to provide photos for their publications.</p>		<p>Committee unanimously agrees that the portfolio classes should continue under the instruction of Cavanaugh.</p>
Other Business/Recommendations/ Questions from Committee	<p>Art Gray asked faculty if the photography curriculum had night classes for the full degree. Cavanaugh and West responded that the lack of classroom and lab space as well as faculty prohibit offering all photo classes at night. They added that the current photography classrooms and labs</p>		

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	are booked solid with current class offerings.	
Internships	Cavanaugh reminded members that students are always in need of paid and unpaid internship opportunities. Schumacher noted that the Amarillo Globe-News has non-paid internships available during the summer. A brief discussion followed regarding internships for credit. Committee members have nothing available at this time, but Mason Gray suggested the possibility of upcoming internship positions at Gray's Studio during the next year. Art Gray discussed the importance of interns having a skill set as well as a good attitude and "beginner's mind". Cavanaugh asked members to let the photography department know if they hear of anything.	
Coursework	Cavanaugh stated that the department has a well-rounded curriculum with historical applications being taught as well as new digital techniques. The committee expressed their appreciation that AC continues to teach darkroom and noted the importance it has in teaching students to be successful in the field. West noted that the darkroom experience makes students better technicians. Committee agrees. Mason Gray noted that it is important for students to have good working knowledge of programs such as Adobe Photoshop because of the need to have skills such as re-touching and collage work, especially in the Fashion Photography industry. Committee agrees.	Committee unanimously agrees that darkroom instruction is very valuable and should continue.
Hardware/Software	It was noted that the department will receive a large-format printer from Student Life and another funded by Perkins Grant.	
Club Activities	Cavanaugh noted that the Photo Club is very active. They continue to work with the Camera Clubhouse at San Jacinto Elementary and recently had a successful fundraiser making photo id's and continue to have a photo booth at the yearly Badgarama event. They have also been working with the Amarillo Museum of Art to photograph events and in return the Club receives a donation. West noted that they received the Outstanding Student Organization Award last year from Student Life. Cavanaugh invited members to "like" the Photo Club's Facebook page.	
New Business:	There was discussion regarding adding new members to the committee due to a lack of participation from some members. Also, it was noted that Stevens was moving out of state and could no longer serve. The committee suggested the following: Ralph Duke, David Bowser, Craig Stidham, Travis Crowell and Shannon Richardson.	Taylor-Gore and Salter will contact potential members.
Curriculum Decisions:	No decisions were made.	
Other:		

Adjourned 2:35 pm

CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE: Victoria Taylor-Gore	Date: 11/09/2012		Next Meeting: Fall 2013
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