



Amarillo College

**Interior Design
Program**

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Dear

It's hard to believe, but the spring semester is drawing to a close. Finals are next week, and I am sure that all of us remember the panic in the air at this time of the year. Rather than have a formal Advisory Committee Meeting this year with transportation costs as they are for our out-of-town members, we are going to have a "virtual" meeting through email.

I have attached to this email several items for your review. Our new curriculum was approved and we are enrolling new students now as well as converting some of our existing students to the new curriculum. We have changed books for several classes and I think these will be good changes for the students. INDS 2330 – Interior Design Building Systems class has been re-vamped to concentrate on sustainable architectural systems and will be using the book *Sustainable Design for Interior Environments* by Susan Winchip. The Professional Certificate has been altered to enhance our program for Kitchen and Bath Design. I am hopeful that we can attract more from industry and the "box stores" who are interested in this particular area of design. You may remember when we added ARTS 1316 Drawing I to the curriculum as the Fine Arts requirement two or three semesters ago. We are now seeing some results from those efforts. While the teaching methods in Art are different from the constructed drawings using delineation and measured perspective, the students are coming in with some skills and an idea as to what is happening. This has enabled us to concentrate on perspective skills and drawing development more than the basics of how to draw and the resulting projects are improving.

The program will be graduating two students this semester. One is currently enrolled in an online program to pursue her Bachelor's degree (BAAS) from a college in south Texas. While the program is not in interior design, it is meeting the student's goals and all of her credits were accepted for their program. Several of our former students are at Texas Tech and other 4-year programs. I have received some requests for internship opportunities from a couple of our former students. If any of you are interested in sponsoring an intern this summer, please let me know.

Students will be making presentations beginning at 8:00 am Monday morning and again on Tuesday morning (May 11 & 12). Night classes will be presenting at their regular class time. If any of you are interested in coming, please feel free to attend. We would love to have you there.

We do have an update on the construction projects going on at AC. It is in the grand plan for the Interior Design and Drafting Programs to move into a remodeled fourth floor of Parcels Hall on the Washington Campus in the fall of 2011. The original date was fall of 2010, but was delayed. The project

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programmer and architect have been very good to get with us and survey our individual program needs. It will be really nice to have an area that is specifically designed with our programs in mind, with all the storage and classrooms we need and some room for growth.

Please comment on the curriculum and other information that I am attaching. We value your input and couldn't do this without you. I will try to have a formal advisory committee meeting next fall here in the department.

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