

Advisory Board / Business and
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Drafting

May 13, 2025

Chairperson: Carrie Hoffman		
Meeting Date: May 13, 2025	Meeting Time: 12:00	Meeting Place: Engineering 104
Recorder: Penelope Davies		Previous Meeting: February 23, 2024

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Agenda

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

Minutes	
Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Drafting News	Tour of the newly remodeled Drafting Lab For Spring, we have 7 AAS and 7 Drafting Certificate graduates
Member News	From our members, What changes are you seeing in Drafting? What do you expect a new drafting graduate to know and understand? What software is your company using? Chris Godinez – Hi-Plains Civil – New drafters need to know what Civil Drafting is. Many drafters come to us but leave because they are not interested in Civil Drafting. They use Civil 3d. Chris Thompson – Using 3d Scanning and Point Clouds to accurately measure in the field. Create digital twins. Use primarily AutoCAD and CADWorx – will be upgrading to Plant 3d. Chris was also very interested in participating in a job shadowing opportunity for our drafting students. Jeremy Matthews – Use Plant 3d and 3d scanning David Nowell – Mostly using Revit

	<p>Joshua Milford – Use AutoCAD Architecture – basic 2d drafting</p> <p>Many of the members recommended the following for future drafters entering the workforce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Each member felt that the program Chief Architect provided our students with key drafting skills. The members also encourage our students to have experience with a 3-D scanner if possible.</p>
New Business:	<p>Autodesk University - Carrie was able to attend AU2024 in San Diego during Fall Break. It was paid for by the HSI Stem grant. Really enjoyed seeing Autodesk Forma and integrating real time topography with Revit. Saves time and allows the designer to identify site issues early.</p>
	<p>Recruiting information – Carrie has been attending career fairs to help recruit students – Fall numbers are looking good currently.</p> <p>We are working with AmTech to align for Technical Dual Credit for the architecture students.</p>
	<p>Handshake – Amarillo College has joined Handshake. Employers can create a profile to recruit employees.</p>
Curriculum Decisions:	<p>None</p>

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Other:	Future Trends - Twin Motion – Rendering software that works with Revit Industrial –3d scanning and point clouds and tools to integrate into drafting software. 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.
Adjourn:	The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

Chairperson signature (or designee):

Carrie Hoffman

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Next Meeting: To be determined at a future date.