

VENTURA COLLEGE

Construction Technology Advisory Meeting

August 17, 2016

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions –

Casey Mansfield (V.C.), Tom Harris (CCC), Michael Leach (CBO/S.P.), Steve Stuart (CBO/O.), Ralph Fernandez (V.C.), Jim DaPra (DaPra Const.), Bob Guyer (NAHI), Vince Tovey (Ven. City), Steve Sutton (CBO/P.H.), Ian Livingston (Ven. City), Carl Danko (BTC Labs)

Scholarships –

ICC Chapter approved 2 -\$500 for “Careers in Construction” scholarships, one Fall and one Spring semester for continuing students. The scholarships are in recognition of Jack DeJong, a long-time county building inspector and part-time Construction Technology instructor at Ventura College.

Employment Opportunities –

Discussion resumed concerning upcoming job vacancies and open employment opportunities for graduating college students and others seeking positions in building inspection and construction management. Nearly all attendees had information about openings, including City of Oxnard, City of Ventura, Charles Abbott & Associates, California Code Check, County of Ventura, BTC Labs, and others.

Construction Growth –

Again nearly all attendees had information to share about construction expansion. City of Ventura reported to have over 1,400 new residential units in the planning stage, City of Oxnard has recently approve 440 new housing units, City of Camarillo 650 new housing units and 3 million square feet of commercial development, which is on top the 700 residential units and 5 million square feet of commercial space already approved and begun in Camarillo. Moorpark, Ojai, Simi, Santa Paula all reported significant development either approved or pending. The tide seems to be turning for the construction industry.

CT Enrollment –

Enrollment in the Ventura College CT program is steady. Graduating students are finding more employment opportunities and are often able to choose between multiple job offers. As construction continues to pick up, and more positions become available, more students should be attracted to our program and career path.

VC Architecture Program –

Ventura College has received approval from the State to begin offering Architecture A.S. and Certificate degrees beginning Fall 2016. Enrollment has not been as strong as hoped, but considering this is the first semester to be offered, enrollment should grow as students become aware of the new major. As the Architecture program begins building up, a high percentage of these new students should be interested in taking Construction Technology classes.

CT Catalog Changes –

Minor modifications have been made to the CT degree programs. CTV62 “Structural Masonry” and CTV63 “Reinforced Concrete” have been merged into one class, CTV63 “Concrete and Masonry Construction”. Both of these classes are so specialized, hopefully merging them will attract more students. CTV67 “California Accessibility Regulations” has been changed from 2-units to 3-units. The content was too much to cover in 2-units.

Upcoming events –

CALGreen Seminar

Date August 22, 2016, Time 8:30am-12:30pm,
Speaker Moe Fasih, Director of Sustainability for VCA Green
Location Ventura City Hall, Cost Free
Highlight new CALGreen Code changes

2016 Residential Energy Code Changes

Date October 4, 2016, Time 8:30am-4:30pm
Location City of Agoura Hills – Community Room, Cost Free

2016 Commercial Energy Code Changes

Date October 11, 2016, Time 8:30am-4:30pm
Location City of Agoura Hills – Community Room, Cost Free

\$500 “Careers in Construction” Scholarship

Date due no later than November 4, 2016
www.iccventura.org for application and details