

VENTURA COLLEGE

Construction Technology Advisory Meeting

October 16, 2015

Minutes

Casey Mansfield conducted.
Ventura College, Rm ECT-9, 5:00-6:00pm

Welcome and Introductions –

Casey Mansfield (V.C.), Steve Stuart (CBO/S.P.), Ralph Fernandez (V.C.), Jim DaPra (DaPra Const.), Dave Huener (CBO/T.O.), Bob Guyer (NAHI), Vince Tovey (Ven. City), Steve Sutton (CBO/P.H.), Dan McLaughlin (Ven. City), Carl Danko (BTC Labs)

Enrollment –

Fall 2015 enrollment was not good. Average class size was 22. One course CT V60 “Simplified Engineering” had to be cancelled due to low enrollment. The CT program is continuing to decrease in size due to two causes; the lack of construction-related employment locally because of the housing economy downturn, and the elimination of the VC Architecture program in 2010. Prior to 2010, architecture students represented approximately 40% of the CT program enrollment.

VC Architecture Program –

Ralph Fernandez provided an update on the reinstatement of the Architecture program. Ventura College has received approval from the State to begin offering Architecture A.S. and Certificate degrees beginning Fall 2016. As the Architecture program begins building back up, it will cause more Architecture majors to be on campus, taking related course work including Construction Technology classes.

Counselor’s Exchange –

Casey Mansfield discussed the upcoming Counselor’s Exchange at Ventura College on December 11. Approximately 300 career counselors from over 30 county and regional high schools will be at Ventura College to discuss career pathways and view program facilities. This will allow us the opportunity to explain the advantages of our vocational training programs, and then the counselors can convey that information back to their student groups. Both the Construction Technology and Architecture programs will have tables and representatives available during the 10:00-2:00pm event.

ACE Charter High School Articulation -

ACE Charter High School in Camarillo specializes in architecture, construction and engineering. They have asked to articulate their classes with ours. The advantage to the student is that they receive dual credit. The high school courses that are similar to ours, allow students who transfer to Ventura College

to receive full credit without having to re-take our comparable course. The advantage to Ventura College is that dual credit may encourage their students to attend VC. Hopefully this will create a new source of CT students.

CT V70 “California Green Code” –

At prior Advisory meetings, it has been recommended we begin a new course based on the new California Green Code (CalGreen). The curriculum has been approved (CT V70 “California Green Code”) and the new course will be offered Spring 2016. Steve Stuart will teach the class. Course content will include energy compliance, water conservation, hybrid-vehicle charging, low-voltage lighting, material recycling, dust and noise abatement, and other related subjects.

Retirements –

Casey Mansfield said he will probably be retiring sometime in the next couple years. In the meantime, Steve Stuart and a couple other long time, part-time instructors have indicated they will retire from teaching sometime soon. We will begin an advertising campaign to attract potential part-time instructors. Steve Stuart recommended we start “team teaching” classes with one senior instructor and one new instructor. With this technique the new instructor could quickly learn the subject content and teaching methodologies. We will try this method beginning Summer 2016.

Upcoming events –

Residential HVAC Alteration Permit Compliance

Date Nov. 13, Time 5:00-7:00pm, Speaker Marissa Spate from the Center for Sustainable Energy
Location Ventura City Hall, Cost \$20
Design and inspection of residential heating and air conditioning systems

ICC Annual Holiday Party

Date Dec. 2, Time 6:00-9:00pm
Location Topper Pizza, Oxnard, Cost Free

Damaged Building Procedures

Date Dec. 18, Time 4:00-5:00pm
Location Camarillo City Hall, Cost \$25
Proper “tagging” of buildings due to non-natural disasters

New Residential Construction Standards

Date Jan. 8, Time 8:30-3:30pm
City of Agoura, Cost \$80
Changes in the 2013 California International Residential Code