



Office of the President

December 15, 2023

Ralph Fernandez, Department Chair
Architecture, Drafting, and Construction Technology

Dear Ralph Fernandez,

Thank you for all the work you put into completing your comprehensive program review. It has been reviewed by the College Planning Committee and the Executive Team. The College Planning Committee feedback is attached. Below, you will find comments, commendations, and recommendations from the Executive Team. These are provided for incorporation into your annual program planning processes. Typically, recommendations require planning improvements that will be implemented over time. Thus, in your subsequent annual mini reviews, you'll want to provide updates on progress made towards addressing these recommendations.

Comments:

- The program is made up of 3 different areas: Architecture, Drafting, and Construction Technology. Each area (program) offers students skill enhancement, workforce preparation, cost effective college degrees and certificates, and preparation for and classes that transfer to colleges and universities.
- Students in the program seek to gain college degrees or certificates while living at home or working a full-time job supporting a family. Degree and certificate awards for 2022-23 continue to be low at half the numbers pre-pandemic. Also, student transfer rates are very small with annual transfer numbers to CSU/UCs with a high of 8 (2020-21) and a low of 1 (2021-22) over the past 5 years.
- There are no comparable programs in Ventura County. The closest community colleges that offer classes such as ours would be College of the Canyons and Pierce College. Santa Barbara City College offers a few construction technology and architecture classes as part of their Drafting Programs.
- Construction Technology enrollments are the strongest of the three programs. Recently a full-time faculty was hired for the Construction Technology program which will help to offer the stability needed for this discipline.
- Discipline student success rates dipped during the pandemic but are on the rise in 2022-23. However, they are still significantly lower (66.7%) than pre-pandemic success rates which were over 80%.

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Commendations:

1. The program areas have worked to be active in industry groups such as the A.I.A., ICC, SolidWorks User Group, the Revit User group and others.
2. The discipline areas have two active student clubs in Architecture and Construction Technology.
3. The transfer rates for female students were 16% in 2018-2019 increasing to 80% in 2022-23.

Recommendations:

1. Although enrollments have returned to baseline following a downturn during COVID, the department is encouraged to continue to work to increase enrollment, course offerings, and expanding articulation with high schools and universities.
2. Develop support mechanisms for students to encourage and remove barriers to degree/certificate completion and transfer.
3. Continue to maintain staffing, equipment, and industry currency to prepare students for success in the workplace.
4. Place a work order to replace White Boards in MCE-130. Current boards in front of class are divided into small sections that make them functionally unusable. The MCE-130 classroom is used by Architecture, Drafting, Engineering, and Manufacturing.

CPC's overall recommendation is to strengthen the program, to which I concur. Thank you again for your dedicated work in improving outcomes for our students.

Sincerely,



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President

Ventura College

cc: Felicia Dueñas, Dean of Student Learning

Jennifer Kalfsbeek- Goetz, Vice President of Academic Affairs

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CPC Program Review Feedback Form - Arch, Drafting, Const Tech

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Q2 - What is this program doing well?

What is this program doing well?

Industry Group Associations, state of the art equipment, student success. Focused on transfer, workforce preparation. Good offering of courses and preparation.

Everything with the support level they are currently receiving.

Ralph Fernandez. He kept the program running with steady programs enrollment.

Certificates and Degrees, Working with new technologies, enrollment building

Relavant content

Staying current with technology and practices used in each discipline. Excellent adjunct instructors with industry experience.

Almost everything.

Q3 - What could this program improve upon?

What could this program improve upon?

Need full time faculty to serve in Drafting. Need to add full time faculty in Architecture. Need full time lab tech to keep lab. Need a clean lab that is separate from the 'dirty lab'

expanding to a bachelor program, this would require AT LEAST one additional full-time faculty and at least one lab tech, in addition to appropriate facilities and equipment.

Increase in the staffing for the department to help students.

More FT faculty

Give them more money

In order to grow the construction program, there needs to be a F/T faculty lead hired. This program has been without a lead for several years, and the only way to increase student enrollment and industry engagement is with a full time tenure faculty in the Construction program within the department

I know it is hard, but perhaps attempt to attract more females to the program. Success rates for Hispanic students seem to lag a bit.

Q6 - How well do the program's objectives align with the VC Educational Master Plan?

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Good success, good access, good retention.

absolutely

Very well.

Working to have students job ready or able to transfer

Good!!!

Very well

Very well.

Q8 - I recommend the following course of action for this program:

#	Field	Choice Count
1	No action needed	14.29% 1
2	Strengthen the program	85.71% 6
3	Reduce the program	0.00% 0
4	Review for discontinuance	0.00% 0

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