

Fall 2014 Construction Management Technology Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson: Mr. Robert Benda
Meeting date: November 7, 2014
Meeting time: 8:30 a.m.
Meeting place: STEC 1111
Recorder: Orlando Bagcal
Previous meeting: April 4, 2014

Attendees: Name and Title

Members present: 11
Guests: 2

- **Robert Benda**, CEO, Westwood Contractors
- **Jon Samson**, Executive VP, NAHB/GFWHBA
- **Thomas Menchaca**, TCC / ACMS Member
- **Carl Roegner**, Retired / ACCE Member
- **Chris Campbell**, TCC Construction Services
- **Mike Zamora**, Harris-Webb / CMAA
- **Ben Muro**, VP, Acme Bricks
- **James Howard**, Architect, JWPH Architecture
- **Randy Grahamb** TCC Construction Services
- **Dr. Orlando Bagcal**, Tarrant County College
- **Jean Yanes**, Technical Advisor, TCC
- **Emmanuel Nieto**, City of Fort Worth Inspector
- **Sara Van Zant**, TCC / ACMS Member

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item	Action Discussion Information	Responsibility
Call to Order: Introductions:	Mr. Bob Benda All committee members, Tarrant County College faculty, and guests introduced themselves to the group.	Orlando Bagcal/ Bob Benda
Past Minutes	Minutes were reviewed and approved.	Bob Benda Committee Members

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Discussions: <p>Advisory Committee Structure update/ Attendance</p>	<p>Program Updates:</p> <p>Orlando Bagcal notified everyone that Bob Benda agreed to chair the committee. He also acknowledges Mr. Roegner having chaired the previous meeting. He then turned over the meeting to Mr. Benda.</p> <p>Bob Benda asked the committee if they want to elect future chair or if they agree that he will remain to be the chair for the remainder of the term (2014-2016). The committee members have no objection having him lead the group.</p> <p>Mr. Benda reiterated the importance of Advisory Committee to the success of the program. He solicited ideas on how they can improve the leadership and attendance of members as well as how they can further strengthen their engagement.</p> <p>The members suggested inviting others in their circle to become members of the committee.</p> <p>Mr. Mike Zamora said that they need to identify the right day available for most of the members. Mr. Ben Mauro suggested conducting survey to the committee members.</p> <p>Mr. Jon Samson also suggested that to increase attendance, they should consider Thursday as meeting day since other days seems to be the busiest days in the industry. The committee mostly agreed on Mr. Samson's idea.</p> <p>The committee also suggested having a meeting outside in a regular basis in addition to the meeting organized by the college and pass on to Orlando any ideas and suggestions the group came up with. Mr. Emmanuel Nieto said that an electronic communication or Media Teleconferencing could also be an alternative to keep the dialog going among the members.</p>	<p>Orlando Bagcal</p> <p>Bob Benda</p> <p>Bob Benda</p> <p>Committee Members</p> <p>Mike Zamora</p> <p>Ben Muro</p> <p>Jon Santos Committee Members</p> <p>Committee Members</p> <p>Emmanuel Nieto</p>
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<p>State of the Program</p>	<p>The following advisory members agreed to serve as task force committee on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advisory Committee Membership – Mr. Mike Zamora 2. Marketing – Mr. Emmanuel Nieto/ Mr. Carl Roegner 3. Scholarship – Mr. Jon Jon Samson/ Mr. Mike Zamora <p>Orlando proceeded with his presentation on the overview of the construction management program. He discussed the course offerings for the Spring 2015. He mentioned that the number of courses offered during the day has increased. He also anticipate that as the program accredited by the ACCE, enrollment will increase.</p> <p>Orlando updated the committee on the ACCE accreditation status. He thanked the members who participated in the site visit interview last Sep. 22, 2014. He mentioned the positive regards of the Visiting Team about the construction management program at TCC. The final announcement of the result will be on February, 2015.</p> <p>Mr. Bob Benda echoed the importance of the ACCE accreditation being the benchmark and basis in soliciting institution in providing scholarship and funding. He also mentioned that he was part of the visiting team as industry observer and expressed to the committee the things he had learned in the process.</p> <p>Enrollment figures were shared; internship and students hired after interning were shared as well as graduation figures. He also announced that the TCC Construction Management Team will be participating in the annual International Builders’ Show – Residential Construction Management Competition in Las Vegas. He mentioned that the ACMS student organization of the program volunteered for the Habitat for Humanity- Cowtown Brush-up last October</p>	<p>Orlando Bagcal</p> <p>Bob Benda</p> <p>Orlando Bagcal</p>
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<p>partnership between the two to address the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Internship 2. Employment 3. Scholarship 4. Equipment/Donation 	<p>program. He also said that CMAA is experimenting the concept of Scholarship – Internship collaboration in which a partner company will provide internship for the students and the CMAA will subsidize half of their salary while undergoing the internship program. He said that he will provide more information to Orlando after verifying from the CMAA office.</p> <p>Orlando mentioned about the Westwood Scholarship and the first recipient, Ms. Sara Van Zant.</p> <p>Mentoring/ Employment</p> <p>Mr. Chris Campbell mentioned that the TCC Construction Services created a scholarship foundation called “Real Estate Scholarship” in which students in related field in real estate such as construction, architecture, and engineering can apply.</p>	<p>Orlando Bagcal</p> <p>Chris Campbell</p>
<p>What are the emerging construction skills/traits that entry level employees need that we should consider as part of our course of instruction?</p> <p>What strategy/ies the CM program will consider to market the program and increase enrollment</p>	<p>Mr. Jon Samson also mentioned the Sandlin Scholarship fund that are available for construction management students. Orlando will contact them about the arrangement for TCC Students.</p> <p>Mr. Ben Muro mentioned about the shortage of skilled workers especially in the areas of brick laying. Mr. Samson agreed with Mr. Muro. The cause of the skilled workers’ shortage is due to aging workforce.</p> <p>Mr. Chris Campbell said that students should also be trained in commercial oriented experience. He mentioned about the undergoing initiatives of his office about possible mentoring/ internship opportunities for construction management students of TCC.</p> <p>Mr. Bob Benda asked the committee to develop ideas to put a campaign marketing initiatives and time investment needed to help the program. Commitment of the committee members is needed. Mr. Benda</p>	<p>Jon Samson</p> <p>Orlando Bagcal</p> <p>Ben Muro</p> <p>Jon Samson</p> <p>Chris Campbell</p> <p>Bob Benda</p>

	<p>requested the committee members to create a sub-committee for marketing.</p> <p>Emmanuel Nieto added that it is a good idea to market and promote the program to the Hispanic community since a lot of Hispanic is in the construction business. Mr. Ben Muro, as chairman of the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association will help spread the word about the program.</p> <p>Mr. Samson also suggested creating a packet explaining the program, value of education and employability of graduates in this program will help increase the level of awareness about the program.</p> <p>Mr. Randy Graham suggested that reaching out High School students and helps them figure out what field and career they should consider based on their interest. Mr. Bob Benda supported Mr. Graham's idea. He asked the committee to consider speaking to local school system to educate students about the opportunities in construction.</p> <p>Mr. Jon Samson said several area high school such as Keller ISD has a program in construction and interior design.</p> <p>Mr. Carl Roegner said that schools that has construction technology should be reached out and get them involve in a handson activities and thus, encouraged them to pursue a career in construction.</p> <p>Mr. James Howard mentioned that the construction industry will continue to have shortages of workers and this could be a motivation to encourage students to consider a career in the construction industry.</p> <p>Mr. Benda said that one way to promote the program is to get the information out there to make the program known to the community.</p>	<p>Emmanuel Nieto</p> <p>Ben Muro</p> <p>Jon Samson</p> <p>Randy Graham</p> <p>Bob Benda</p> <p>Jon Samson</p> <p>Carl Roegner</p> <p>James Howard</p> <p>Bob Benda</p>
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<p>Adjournment: Bob Benda/Orlando Bagcal asked if there were any other questions or input from the committee.</p>	<p>Bob Benda and Orlando Bagcal thanked the committee member for the continuous support and for sacrificing their time as member of the committee.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am</p>	<p>Bob Benda Orlando Bagcal</p>
<p>Committee Chair SIGNATURE:</p>	<p>DATE:</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p>