## 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

Meeting	Program Updates:	
Discussions: Advisory Committee Structure update/ Attendance	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.	Orlando Bagcal
	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.	Bob Benda
	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.	Bob Benda
	The members suggested inviting others in their circle to become members of the committee.	Committee Members
	Mr. Mike Zamora said that they need to	Mike Zamora
	identify the right day available for most of the members. Mr. Ben Mauro suggested conducting survey to the committee members.	Ben Muro
	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.	Jon Santos Committee Members
	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	Committee Members
	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.	Emmanuel Nieto

State of the Program	The following advisory members agreed to serve as task force committee on the following: 1. Advisory Committee Membership – Mr. Mike Zamora 2. Marketing – Mr. Emmanuel Nieto/ Mr. Carl Roegner 3. Scholarship – Mr. Jon Jon Samson/ Mr. Mike Zamora 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. 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.	Orlando Bagcal
	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.	Bob Benda
	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	Orlando Bagcal

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	11, 2014 and the group gave more than 70	
	volunteer hours.	
		<b>Committee Members</b>
Members' Question	The committee members asked if ever the	
	program will be accredited is there any	
	possibility that students can move on to a	Orlando Bagcal
	four year university. Orlando said that he	
	will try to create an articulation agreement	
	with universities that are ACCE accredited.	
	He mentioned that the biggest obstacle or	
	problems for the students to transfer to	
	university are classes that are offered at	
	TCC are in the upper division in most	
	universities such as Estimating and	
	Construction Management classes.	
	Universities are often will not agree to	
	accept a lower division classes to replace an	
	upper division classes.	
		Carl Roegner
	Mr. Carl Roegner and Mr. Mike Zamora	Mike Zamora
	said that creating a seamless transition of	
	the student from a community college to the	
	university in terms of courses to be accepted	
	has to be done in the state level since it	
	involves the Texas Higher Education Board	
	and Accreditation Agency.	
		<b>Emmanule Nieto</b>
	Mr. Nieto suggested the project	
<b>Discussion Question:</b>	management certification would be good	Mike Zamora
What national certification	credentials for aspiring project managers.	
exam related to construction	Mr. Mike Zamora suggested that CM	
professionals that are	Training is offered through the CMAA that	
valuable for graduates to take	will guide the candidate and earned the	
in order to increase their	required experience prior to taking the	
employability?	exam.	
		Chris Campbell
	LEED-AP/ G.A by the US GBC were also	
	suggested by Mr. Chris Campbell. Mr.	
	James Howard mentioned that more and	
	more companies are leaning towards	
	sustainable construction and cities, such as	
	Dallas, are now requiring new construction	
	to comply with sustainability.	
	Internship	
What initiative/s should the		Mike Zamora
CM program and the	Mr. Mike Zamora mentioned that as more	
construction industry	companies represented in the committee, the	
undertake to create a strong	more opportunities for the students in the	

partnership between the two to address the following:1. Internship 2. Employment 3. Scholarship 4. Equipment/Donation	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.	
	Orlando mentioned about the Westwood Scholarship and the first recipient, Ms. Sara Van Zant.	Orlando Bagcal
	Mentoring/ Employment 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.	Chris Campbell
What are the emerging construction skills/traits that entry level employees need that we should consider as part of our course of instruction?	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. 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' abortage is due to agring workforce.	Jon Samson Orlando Bagcal Ben Muro Jon Samson
	shortage is due to aging workforce. 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. Mr. Bob Benda asked the committee to	Chris Campbell Bob Benda
What strategy/ies the CM program will consider to market the program and increase enrollment	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	

requested the committee members to create a sub-committee for marketing.	Emmerced N <sup>12</sup> -4-
	<b>Emmanuel Nieto</b>
Emmanuel Nieto added that it is a good idea	
to market and promote the program to the	
Hispanic community since a lot of Hispanic	Ben Muro
is in the construction business. Mr. Ben	
Muro, as chairman of the Regional Hispanic	
Contractors Association will help spread the	
word about the program.	
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Ma Someon also managed a mosting of	Jon Samson
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.	Dandy Craham
Mr. Randy Graham suggested that reaching	Randy Graham
out High School students and helps them	
figure out what field and career they should	
consider based on their interest. Mr. Bob	Bob Benda
	Bob Bellua
Benda supported Mr. Graham's idea. He	
asked the committee to consider speaking to	
local school system to educate students	Jon Samson
about the opportunities in construction.	Jon Samson
Mr. Jon Samson said several area high	
school such as Keller ISD has a program in	
construction and interior design.	
construction and interior design.	Carl Roegner
Mr. Carl Roegner said that schools that has	Carricogner
construction technology should be reached	
out and get them involve in a handson	
activities and thus, encouraged them to	
pursue a career in construction.	
pursue a career in construction.	James Howard
Mr. James Howard mentioned that the	James Howard
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.	
moubly.	Bob Benda
Mr. Benda said that one way to promote the	Dob Denua
program is to get the information out there	
to make the program known to the	
community.	
community.	

Adjournment: Bob Benda/Orlando Bagcal asked if there were any other questions or input from the committee.	Bob Benda and Orlando Bagcal thanked the committee member for the continuous support and for sacrificing their time as member of the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am	Bob Benda Orlando Bagcal
Committee Chair SIGNATURE:	DATE:	NEXT MEETING: