

University of Maine
Surveying Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting
Boardman Hall, Room 123
Friday, November 19, 2010

Meeting Convened at approximately 2:40 PM EST
Meeting Adjourned at approximately 4:05 PM EST

IAC Members Present

Carlton Brown
Claire Kiedrowski
Joe McNichols

Louis Morin
Jason G. Racette
Shep Sheppard

David Titcomb
Rich Vannozi

The Surveying Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee (IAC) convened its meeting in the Surveying Engineering Technology computer lab, Room 123, Boardman Hall, following a brief welcome and short presentation by Professor Jude Pearse.

Carlton opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and explained that this was the meeting where the IAC members interview the students about the SVT Program. Carlton answered a few questions before retiring to his office.

Ten students participated in the meeting. Their names were not recorded.

Refreshments were served and Rich kicked off the meeting with a more detailed explanation of what IAC is trying to accomplish with this meeting. Introductions were done following Rich's comments.

Five of the IAC members are graduates of the Surveying Engineering Program.

Students expressed concern that some of the 2+2 articulation agreements should be updated. Despite this challenge, the 2+2 articulation agreements are beneficial to students entering the SVT program. Students were reminded that the 2+2 articulation agreements were not vetted through the University, and are designed as a guide for the students to follow.

Students explained the one-credit spreadsheet class is not beneficial since the information taught is generally learned in high school.

IAC members expressed the importance of technical writing, but that sentiment was not shared by the students, since the majority of them expressed a lack of enthusiasm for the course.

Students are taking GIS late in their academic career. Taking the course by sophomore year would be beneficial since GIS should be used in the capstone class.

Students believe managerial accounting would be more beneficial to their careers than financial accounting. However, financial accounting is a prerequisite to managerial accounting.

The Boundary Law class does not go to the county courthouse in Bangor to do deed research. Some of the deed research is taught by researching records online.

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Students expressed their enjoyment of Construction Law, Business Management, and Advanced AutoCAD classes.

The students expressed their satisfaction with the resources in the SVT computer lab. However, they would like to have more classes where there are hands-on opportunities.

The students were very pleased with the guest lecturers who participate in SVT 100.

The students believe more credit should be given to Rose and Linda for all the assistance they provide to the students. If the students ever have a problem, they know they can count on Rose or Linda to help them solve it.

Students have no problems with scheduling time to confer with Ray, Knud, or Carlton. The professors always make arrangements to be accessible to answer students' questions.

Several students will be attending the Nevada-California Annual Meeting in 2011, to participate in the ACSM student competition. Rich Vannozzi is responsible for directing this year's ACSM student competition.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason G. Racette, PLS
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