

Woodworking & Cabinetmaking Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Paul Kinsey: Professor/Construction Technology

Shawn Williams: Industry Representative

Dave Stevens: Eureka High

Leslie Douglas: Industry Representative

Prudence Rattliff: CTEA Coordinator

Purpose of the Meeting: Paul Kinsey

Discussion focused on requirement for regular Woodworking and Cabinetmaking Advisory Committee meetings as an element of the College's A.T.M.A.E. accreditation and C.T.E.A. grant funding. Its purpose is to provide input from local stake holders and to develop linkages between the College and the local educational and industrial partners.

Introductions

Introductions took place at 5:30. During this time industry representatives reported on their current employment circumstances and the state of some of the local cabinetmaking firms. It was noted that Leslie Douglas has secured a new position as an estimator with Crestmark Architectural Millwork. It was also reported that the two firms represented (Crestmark and J.R.Stevens) are enjoying steady work and are doing well regionally.

Discussion also took place regarding the importance of having students actually follow through on the awarding of degrees and certificates when they complete all of the required coursework. Pru noted that the BTECH dean has suggested performing a degree audit to identify students near completion of their educational goals.

Tour of Facilities

There was a brief tour of the woodworking shop that involved discussion of new equipment and the current cabinetwork being performed by the cabinetmaking students. There was some interest and discussion regarding the construction of historically accurate cabinetry and the use of redwood for painted cabinets. Mr. Williams suggested that as long as these cabinets were going to be painted, perhaps poplar would be a more suitable material for face frames than redwood. Mr. Stevens commented that the use of Baltic birch for the carcasses was perhaps overkill but that given the cost of the material (free) it was suitable.

Review of Program Level Standards

The remainder of the evening was spent reviewing and discussing the PLO's for Cabinetmaking and Construction Technology. Although the PLO's for Construction Technology are not officially under the purview of this committee, it was agreed that due to the committee members familiarity with the CT Program (and its degrees and certificates) that they would be willing to review and comment on them.

Committee Recommendations

Without rewriting specific PLO's, the committee made the following recommendations and suggestions:

For Cabinetmaking and Millwork

- Change Woodwork Institute standards to Architectural Woodwork Standards
- Separate AWS standards from general woodworking industry safety standards
- Include soft skills and independent vs. dependent work in the PLO's
- Include a specific emphasis on terminology used in the cabinet and millwork trades

For Construction Technology

- The committee suggested that in lieu of "All GE Student Learning Outcomes" that CT faculty craft a PLO that meets the intent of general education using terms such as "critically think and analyze".
- It was noted PLO's #3 and #4 for Res. II were the same. The suggestion was made that #4 be changed to include language describing some of the "other" construction technology courses and include the mention of but not limited to residential design, costs, and regulations associated with construction.

Committee members agreed to maintain a close relationship with College of the Redwoods and provide necessary support to the Cabinetmaking and Millwork Program.

The next formal meeting will be held during April at the C.R. shop.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul Kinsey