

Drafting Technology
Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee
Statewide Instructors Meeting

March 3, 2017

I. Welcome & Introductions

With no further business, Mr. Mike Howard called to order the regular meeting of the Drafting Technology IFCC at 10:00 am on March 3, 2017 at Albany Technical College. Each attendee was asked to introduce themselves and their respective college. Ms. Ochie was thanked for hosting the meeting.

II. Attendees:

Jeff Cope (Central Georgia)	Tammy Barnes (Southern Regional)
Chinelo Ochie (Albany)	Ralph Griffith (Southern Regional)
Brendon O'Keefe (Columbus)	Jack Reese (Chattahoochee)
Lloyd McArthur (Gwinnett)	Buddy Lee (West Ga.)
Dr. Melanie Thornton	Mike Howard
Rachel Gruic (Savannah) via webcam	Michael Fennel via webcam
Dr. Griswold (Albany)	Dr. Petty (Albany)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Due to no Fall meeting, there were no minutes to approve.

IV. TCSG Updates

- a) Mike gave an update on happenings with TCSG. No major curriculum changes. He asked the instructors to make sure all contact information was updated in LISTSERV. He also encouraged instructors to use it as a means of collaboration.
- b) Mike gave an update on Complete College Georgia. TCC's will be flagged in KMS for industry certifications. Drafting does not currently have any required industry certifications. Instructors were asked to email Mike regarding recommendations for specific exams for students (Autodesk, SolidWorks, etc.)
- c) Mike presented the current enrollment for the MOWR program, with 20%+ enrollment statewide and DOE/Pathways assessments for occupational classes. While drafting doesn't currently have a pathway, discussion may be warranted for the future.
- d) Mike also discussed the ability of each school to design their own TCC's.

V. New business

- a) Jeff Cope discussed possibly using Engineering Graphics I & II with COMP1000 for a TCC.
- b) Lloyd suggested changing the name of the program from Drafting Technology to Engineering Technology to better represent the program in today's market. Ralph countered that by using specific monikers such as Engineering, Architect, etc. it would require faculty to have

credentials to match. Dr. Thornton also pointed out that it may require a substantive change to be filed with SACSCOC. She also mentioned that alternate credentialing may be used to validate faculty for the courses. Mike noted that it would be more than just a name change and would require approval from VA, Financial Aid, SACSCOC, the DOE, new benchmarks, etc. and could take a substantial amount of time to see fruition. After much discussion, Mike asked the group to take some time and research their respective areas with a review at the fall meeting. He encouraged all to speak with their I.E., V.P.A.A., President, and Advisory Committee and to share their findings via the LISTSERV. *Some possible names discussed were: Engineering & Architectural Graphics Technology, Graphic Communications, Architectural & Engineering Graphics Communication, Engineering Technology, Graphic Communication Technology.*

- c) Jack inquired about adding a student fee to increase program budget. Jeff said he charges \$75/course (Solid Professor) with the book available via online access. Mike pointed out that most schools have a \$35 lab fee per student. Ralph mentioned using livework charges to raise money for the program. Mike mentioned having the students buy their own supplies to cut costs.

VI. Curriculum Revisions

- d) Mike discussed using/adding design courses as electives. He requested those with old DDS files to scan them and share the pdf's via the LISTSERV. He discussed having to process any additions/changes through the dean, VPAA, and himself for course shells to be created and for KMS.
- e) Jeff mentioned that while the mechanical path is solid from beginning to end, the architectural path needs 2+ courses as electives that include BIM and Navisworks. Ralph brought up the need of a construction methods course, as well.
- f) Mrs. Ochie discussed the articulation agreement with USG. Faculty credentials must be reviewed or the student won't get transfer credit. DFTG2010 & 2020 will transfer. Trig won't but PreCal will.

VII. General Discussion

- g) Concern was raised regarding marketing of the program. Attendees were encouraged to speak with their marketing departments and to increase exposure via word of mouth and online.
- h) Ralph asked if anyone was offering DFTG2500. He also requested any information or curriculum to help build the course to be used as an exit review.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Mike Howard thanked Ms. Ochie for hosting the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Barnes

Minutes approved by: [Name]