

**Industry Advisory Council Minutes  
April 2, 2004**

The spring meeting of the ULM School of Construction Industry Advisory Council took place on Friday, April 2, 2004, at the ULM School of Construction. A quorum was present. Seventeen (17) were in attendance:

Don Beach	Don Greenland III	Mitch Stentiford
Robert "Popie" Billeaud	Henry Heier	Steve Terrill
Jack Blicht	Jud Jacobs	Scott Thompson
David Dando	John Kent	
David Dorsch	Kyle Kent	<u>Non-IAC Members:</u>
David Dumas	Richard Nelson	Thurman Potts
Laurence Favalora	Keith Parker	Vanessa Doherty

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by IAC chairman, Laurence Favalora. Members introduced themselves and welcomed new members David Dando and Mitch Stentiford. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and reviewed. A motion was passed to adopt the minutes. Laurence Favalora presented a summary of recent happenings at ULM. The council members met with Dr. Carlos Fandal, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, with the construction faculty and with the students. The council had an open lunch with the students.

- **Degree Name Change**

Laurence Favalora sent out an e-mail to President James Cofer a few months ago about changing the name of the degree from "B.S. in Construction" to "B.S. in Construction Management," and received a positive response from the president. The council agreed to write a letter to the President stating that the Industry Advisory Council strongly recommends changing the name of the degree to "B.S. in Construction Management" since it is an ACCE accredited program.

- **Director's Report**

Enrollment: Dr. Parker reported that the enrollment has slightly increased to 177 students. The School of Construction faculty members have attended numerous recruiting and promotion events in and out-of state.

Faculty/Staff: The new secretary Connie Waterman has been out on medical leave and will be back at the end of the semester. William Normand is currently battling cancer.

Financial Report: Dr. Parker handed out copies of the detailed report of the Potts Fund, and explained that no major expenditure occurred since the last IAC meeting.

- **Potts Professorship**

The Council raised \$???? which was matched by the Licensing Board and the Louisiana Board of Regents to create the new Thurman Potts Professorship. The members of the council were invited to attend the dinner in honor of Thurman Potts held at Copeland's after the meeting.

- **Groundbreaker Newsletter**

A motion was passed to use up to \$1,300 out of the Potts Fund to finance the Groundbreaker Newsletter.

- **Dean's Report**

Dr. Carlos Fandal, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, talked about the university core curriculum, as well as the College of Arts and Sciences core curriculum, and answered questions from the council members about maintenance of buildings, foundation and professorships, the student-living project, and the changes in admissions standards in 2005.

- **Contractor's Licensing Fee**

Popie Billeaud gave an update on the position of the State Licensing Board on the contractor's licensing fee. Other states already have assessments to the contractor's licensing fee that go directly to the construction education. In Louisiana, a \$100 assessment would have produced \$1.6 million. The State Licensing Board initially got good response but the project did not pass. The board is now seeking legislation that would make the contribution voluntary.

- **Building Maintenance**

A motion was made that the Council send a letter to President Cofer requesting maintenance of the construction building. The Council will also include a 10-item priority list with the letter. Work needed has been valued at about 20 to 25,000 dollars.

Greg Smith, assistant professor, and James Reneau, Guild president, are gathering a group of students to clean and work on the face-lift of the building on April 24.

- **Membership**

A motion was passed to rotate off the following members. A letter will be sent out thanking them for their participation.

S. Brent Long

Kendal Terral

R. Kent Long

Steven Hallman

Drew Scahill

A motion was passed to accept the following new members:

Gary Thornton, Thorn Co.

Andy Jones, VCC

Dean Hart, Jr., Dean Hart Construction

Michael Smith, Frank Dale Construction

Collin Dunn, Rangers Steel Erectors

- **Director's Challenge**

Dr. Parker renewed his "Director's Challenge" by making his third \$1,000 personal donation to the School of Construction Foundation. IAC members are strongly encouraged to pledge their minimum contribution of \$500 per year. Long-term commitments are also needed. Donations should be made to the "ULM Foundation – School of Construction."

Dr. Parker will e-mail the list of those who have contributed so far to Laurence Favalora.

- **Strategic Plan Update**

The council had an hour-long discussion about the 5-year strategic plan drafted August 2003. The Strategic Planning Committee members are Don Beach, Chip Carlson, Laurence Favalora, Don Greenland, and Keith Parker. The ULM strategic plan is still being drafted.

- **Internship Committee**

The Internship Committee will start by focusing on summer opportunities and will present a tentative plan for 2005 at the next meeting. The council recommended that internships be voluntary and not mandatory. The members of this committee are Jud Jacobs, Jerry Fields, Paul O'Donnell, Karl Meeks, Greg Smith, and Mitch Stentiford.

- **Curriculum**

The curriculum will be discussed further at the fall 2004 meeting.

- **Fall 2004 Meeting**

The fall 2004 IAC Meeting is scheduled for October or November 2004. The exact date is to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Laurence Favalora, IAC Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dr. Keith Parker, SOC Director

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