

Architecture CBF Committee
Official Minutes of Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Minutes Started at 11:06 AM

Attendees: Tiffany Carlson, Isshin Morimoto, Corey Kawamoto, Tom Einspahr, Andrew Lopez, Andrew Wright, Alfredo Lujan, Nick Pappas, Derick Lee, Ryan Starr, Cailin Swarm, Scott McColl, Helen To, Mikyong Park, Amanda Dunbar

- Accelerated Program
 - 20 or so people are for sure interested
 - Ryan Starr:
 - Wouldn't do it again
 - Messes up the 4th year
 - Can't go abroad, which is really important
 - Not a huge difference between 3rd and 4th year
 - Get burnt out!
 - By the time he started thesis, ready to be done
 - Intensive and very mentally taxing
 - 2 and a half straight years! Very difficult
 - End up with a thesis studio full of burnt out students, makes it hard to stay motivated
 - Minimal resources
 - Per \$1 given to Arch, \$1.80 spent!
 - Very drained of money and CBF pays for it
 - The accelerated program is an issue of resources
 - If students drop out, class gets very small and expensive
 - Loose money and teacher availability
 - Also an issue of teacher research
 - Only have 3 quarters of teaching allowed in a row
 - So... some teachers end up with a total schedule change
 - Because of constraints, don't get to choose professor for thesis
 - That's a big part of 5th year, and makes a huge difference
 - Don't get to choose what you are interested in
 - The department wants to get back to having an accelerated program, but there are a lot of problems to work out first, and not sure if we are ready now.
 - Also, tons of opportunities for 4th years here, if you can't study abroad
 - Vertical studio, sustainable studio, BIM integrated studio all in the works
 - Probably benefit more from this than an accelerated program
 - As far as helping with finding a job
 - At the moment, no one is hiring
 - Waiting until graduation so they get to pick from all graduates

- The accelerated program is counter productive in this respect
- An internship is likely a better way to get an advantage in the job market

How is works-

- The first studio would be a fourth year fill-in studio the summer before. Then offset all year, and take another in the summer before 5th year. Finish fall quarter
- Next year, would have 3 different professors instead of 1 for final quarter
 - Get three different perspectives, but things sometimes get lost in translation
 - Committee structure- lots of communication and faculty commitment

Miss out on lots of class-wide dynamics

Overall- very different from a regular 5th year, and very hard

Also, a fallout in number of students would really mess schedules up! CBF would have to pay for the entire studio, so really need to consider carefully

Maybe it is best if the students who are interested regroup, talk about all of the issues involved, and come back to us.

- We need a digital technician so all the equipment can be accessible to students!
- Mark-
 - Chose the newer laser printer
- Tiffany-
 - Integrated Landscape and Architecture studio
 - Have a petition with about 40 or so names
 - Thinks it would be useful if Arch students had access to the LA department's knowledge and expertise.
 - Also helps create a interdisciplinary feel to the college- lots of opportunity
 - Hopefully will be able to have the studio next year!

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM