

## 2015 Industry Breakouts & Discussions

### Construction Technology – May 1, 2015

Attendees:

Dr. Jim Thomas, Faculty, Construction Technology  
Richard Brooks, HR Green  
Arnold Lloyd, KB Home  
Daniel Luxa, Construction Technology Student

Minutes of the 2014 Meeting reviewed

A brief overview of the Construction Technology Program was given. The two new courses Con 74 – Estimating and Con 80- Scheduling were discussed in context with a new Construction Management Certificate.

Industry Standards

Discussion (Richard and Daniel) was begun on the importance of being able to read Construction Prints. Further dialog was made on the curriculum and presentation of materials in the Con 62 – Blueprint Reading class. The main point was is that many in the industry are unable to adequately read a set of construction prints.

Discussion was then directed to the new Title 24 Energy Standards and how these are going to be impacting the industry.

This was followed up with the new Accessibility Standards and how they will be being enforced and what certifications are soon to be necessary for this part of the industry. CASP certification for Accessibility Standards was then discussed.

Entry level employment was then discussed and the need for opportunity to learn the various construction jobs. How students can get this kind of experience was explored.

Dr. Thomas presented the new grant that might soon be awarded the college to help bridge the high schools with appropriate career pathways in the industry and the potential effect it might have on having vocational education re-instated in the high schools.

Discuss was then directed to some of the challenges that industry (HR Green) has with their intern programs and their creative solutions to paid internships.

Other topics included a concern that succession planning (mentoring the next generation of leaders) isn't being done. Also the need to help our students with interviewing protocol and skills.

In our concluding comments an idea from Richard Brooks( whose son will be attending a college on the east coast) of a new and innovative program of renting all books for students and charging them only \$130 per semester. This will be worth exploring.

Meeting concluded at 10:02 a.m.