**Photography Department**

**Advisory Board Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday May 7th, 2023, 1:00 pm**

**Present**

**Melody La Montia – Department Coordinator/Meeting Host**

**Davis Barber**

**Linda Briney**

**Eduardo Ceballos**

**Kelly Jones Harwood**

**Karlie Castro-Kahn**

**Damion Llyod**

**Lettica Ramirez**

**Gabriel Romero**

**Ken Starkman**

**Jim Taskett**

**David Zaitz**

**Absent**

**David Carreon**

**Queen Peterson**

**I Welcome**

1. **Introduction of Kelly Jones Harwood – the New CTE Director**

**II New Facilities**

1. **All classes back on campus – discussed success of first year full return with**

**in-person classes.**

**b. Discussed issues with student visibility of projector screens in both digital**

 **classrooms, that requires the reconfiguration of desk placement, projectors,**

 **screens, and data wiring. Discussion of unexpected costs. All Members of the**

 **Committee agreed this was a necessary expense.**

**c. Discussion of the benefits of new studios and their use 5-6 days a week by students.**

**d. Discussion of the new Digital Lab as a major success.**

**e. Discussion of the new part-time Lab Tech – Endorsement of all committee members**

 **that access to digital lab facilities is a necessity for students. Recommendation and**

 **endorsement of all committee members that the photo department have Lab**

 **technician to maintain computer updates, calibrations, printing services, equipment**

 **loans, and equipment maintenance.**

**III Update on Photography Program and Curriculum**

1. **All required courses are now digital – Committee recommendation from several years ago finally implemented.**
2. **PHOT 223 Creative Class with Alternative Processes – Discussion of curriculum for this course – curriculum entail Alternative Processes in Photography.**
3. **Committee members requested to obtain PHOT 224 F syllabus for curriculum review.**
4. **All new course curriculum implemented – Reviewed with detailed discussion – Fully endorsed by all Committee Members**.
5. **Revision of Current Professional Photography Certificate – Reviewed with detailed discussion – Fully endorsed by all Committee Members**.
6. **Revision of Current Associates Arts Degree of Photography – Reviewed with detailed discussion – Fully endorsed by all Committee Members**.
7. **Introduction of New Program – Commercial Photography Certificate - Reviewed with detailed discussion – Fully endorsed by all Committee Members**.

**IV Equipment & Student Loan Program**

1. **Mirrorless – Lengthy discussion of mirrorless cameras as the future of photography. Discussion of Mirrorless cameras in Photojournalism and Studio Applications.**
2. **Photobooth purchased – Committee agreed a Photobooth was good for**

**Department Promotion.**

1. **Lighting equipment Bronocolor Monolights purchased – Committee recommends** **continuing to purchase major brand equipment (such as Bronocolor) when budget permits. The Committee recommended that proven service and longevity of known brands is long-term investment.**
2. **The Committee recommends and endorses purchasing mirrorless cameras with lenses and accessories for use in the student loan equipment program**.
3. **The Committee recommends and endorses purchasing studio equipment that provides students with hands on experience using equipment considered standard for the photographic industry.**

**V New Business**

 **a. Discussed visit to the department by the new College President Dr. Olivo**

 **b. Discussed possible methods of Corporate Sponsorship for Equipment – Discussion**

 **with mixed feeling of the committee on methods of establishing corporate donations.**

 **c. Internships Discussion – Committee strongly endorses the requirement of Internships**

 **within each of the Photography Programs. Committee recommended that training**

 **to be an assistant should be a major focus and direction in students training.**

 **It was discussed that being a Career Assistant was both a lucrative and enjoyable job.**

 **d. Capture One Software Workshop still in discussion and planning.**

**VI Close of Meeting – 3:15 pm**

1. **Extended appreciation and thanks were given to all Committee Members for their participation and support of the Fullerton College Photography Department.**