



ARCHITECTURE + CONSTRUCTION ALLIANCE

Spring Meeting

21-22 February 2017 (Tuesday-Wednesday)

CityLab-Sarasota and Center for Architecture, Sarasota, Florida

Minutes

Attendance:

John Murphy, University of Texas, San Antonio
Vini Nathan, Auburn (via skype)
Valerian Miranda, Texas A&M
Jim West, Mississippi State
Ed Keeter, Philadelphia University
Allan Hauck, California Polytechnic
Richard Burt, Auburn
Robert Reis, University of Florida
Jason Alread, University of Florida
Brian Kleiner, Virginia Tech
Daniel Castro, Georgia Tech
John Schaufelberger, University of Washington
Jason Peschel, Washington State University
Hunter Pittman, Virginia Tech
Martin Gold, University of Florida

12 member schools were represented meeting the quorum requirements.

Monday: 6:00 pm – Welcome reception

A small group arrived Monday evening for a tour of the CityLab-Sarasota/Center for Architecture Facilities. Damien Blumetti of Guy Peterson: Office for Architecture gave a tour of the award winning renovation of a William Rupp, 1963 furniture store and tenant spaces. The building is now on the National Historic Register.

Tuesday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Continental Breakfast & Morning Meeting

- I. Review and Adoption of minutes from last meeting in Spring, 2016. Adopted with no changes.

II. Treasurer's report

Martin Gold present the recent budget transactions and current balance. Invoices went out to member schools on Friday, February 24th, 2017.

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| Balance as of 7/1/2015 | \$14,498.81 |
| 2015/16 Membership Dues | |
| Paid | \$15,000.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Travel for Gold | \$3,142.15 |
| RCM | \$131.00 |
| Print | \$209.70 |
| Web Host | \$500.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$3,982.85 |
| Balance as of 07/1/2016 | |
| 2016/17 Membership Dues | |
| Paid | \$0.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Travel for Gold | \$0.00 |
| RCM | \$1,584.00 |
| Print | \$0.00 |
| Web Host | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$1,584.00 |
| Balance as of 02/20/2017 | |
| | \$23,931.96 |

III. Old Business

- a. Second volume of research publication (Valle Miranda) – updates, further strategies, reports, expectations. Discussion of the role of the website as perhaps a better vehicle for information than a publication. The difficulty and suggestions for accumulating the information – compiling end of year faculty reports – to capture collaborative scholarship was discussed. The notion of ‘collaboration’ as a discipline/process that is not self-evident was introduced and perhaps A+CA should seek programs/methods/modes of facilitating collaboration – IPD Theater as a possible example. There was a suggestion that an RFP might be developed to fund pilot research to investigate this topic.
- b. NSF GOALI Proposal Update (Martin). Martin Gold presented information provided by Shima Clarke. The GOALI Team feel it is highly unlikely NSF will fund the program at this time. They are proceeding with a joint healthcare/collaborative symposium expanding the Chautauqua Health Care Symposium and sent a letter of proposal for A+CA participation and financial

support. The Board reviewed the information provided and asked for more detail with the intention to fund at the level of \$5,500 with follow-up information to be approved by the executive committee and by the Board through electronic balloting.

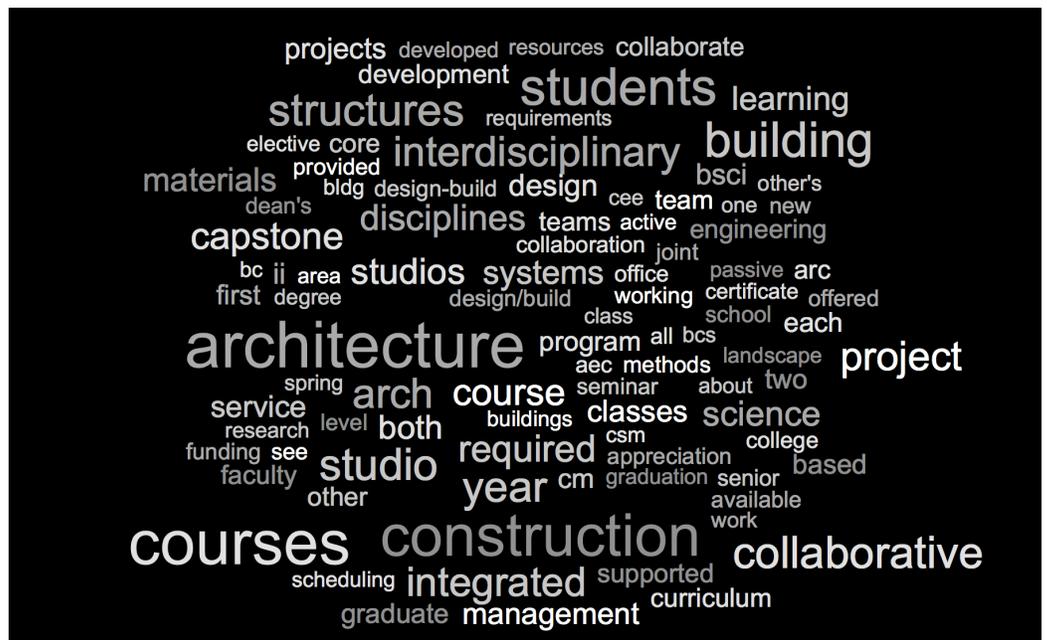
c. Strategic Planning for A+CA (John Murphy, lead)

Have we achieved the 'mission' within our member group and are we ready to reach out to others? There are still some significant obstacles within member programs.

Challenges: Assessing current status, incentivizing faculty collaboration (financial, release, and career advancement), integration across the curriculum as an alternative to a "capstone" type project.

Capture collaborative learning experience at member schools in order to establish metrics – this will be done by a survey. And, to identify touch-points for collaborative learning and establish best practices as a reference and a basis for expanding the A+CA mission.

A survey 10 question survey was send to member schools to measure collaboration advancements and current support. The survey results are available on the A+CA Website. The word cloud below was generated from survey comments.



John Murphy suggested the next steps for strategic planning:

- 1 – Annual symposium/conference,
- 2 – Research function of faculty (direct support), and
- 3 – Education of faculty.

An RFP for best practices to teach collaboration skills was suggested.

d. Bylaws revisions (Vini Nathan)

The changes to the bylaws presented by Vini Nathan were adopted unanimously. Vini will work with Martin to make another editorial pass for typographical corrections and semantic consistency and then will post to the website.

e. Unified position paper—(Jim West, lead)

Presentation and adoption of unified position paper – for all accrediting bodies.

(moved to after lunch)

IV. New Business.

a. Design Intelligence and general rankings (Introduced by Vini Nathan)

Is there interest to have rankings of construction programs? Is there value within Universities to have the program ranked when reporting to Provost and President? Many points were raised about the shortcomings of rankings across many different methods of ranking. No definitive position seemed to emerge. This may be an expansion of Design Intelligence or other ranking agency and it was suggested that participation could improve the process and perhaps outcomes of the way the rankings are presented – clusters versus ranked lists of programs that are very close to equal.

b. Elections of new Officers (by secret ballot)

A secret written ballot was conducted with the following results:

President – Valerian Miranda (two-year term)

Vice President – Vini Nathan (one-year term – remaining portion of Valerians term)

Treasurer – John Schaufelberger (two-year term)

12:15 - 1:00: Lunch

Tuesday: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Old Business Continued

a. Unified position paper—(Jim West, lead)

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The draft paper was included in the meeting documents

It was suggested that ACSA and ASC should be specifically mentioned in the letter. It was suggested that in addition, specific implementation elements be developed to aid programs in advancing the larger ideas addressed in the letter. This discussion evolved into a motion to put out an RFP to faculty one or more of the member schools.

Motion: A+CA will develop a request for proposals (RFP) for one or more faculty to research, prioritize, and report on best practices for the implementation of collaborative learning between design and construction programs. This work must be presented in the form of a paper at ASCA and ASC conferences in the Spring of 2018. Funding level is \$10,000. Motion passed.

It was also proposed that A+CA host a conference in 2019 or 2020 and to host sessions at sessions at the ACSA conference in March 2018 (Denver) and the ASC conference in April 2018 (Minnesota) as a lead up to a separate A+CA conference.

Next Meeting: Atlanta, August 25/26 in conjunction with the Health Care Chautauqua.

Tuesday: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Tour of Eides Foundation – Guy Peterson Architects.