



Construction Management Program IAB Meeting

Friday, September 8th, 2023, 9:00am

In-person meeting @ Bowen

Address: 8802 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions/Attendance: **19 In-Person Attendees and 7 Teams Attendees**
2. West Lafayette Introductions
 - Dr. Hubo Cai, new Interim Head of School: **IUPUI and West Lafayette will have the same mission.**
 - Heather Hassenplug, Industry Outreach Specialist / Construction Projects Administrator
 - Dr. Bryan Hubbard, Professor, West Lafayette – Undergraduate Chair / IUPUI Liaison
 - Brad Benhart, Professor of Practice – Industry Engagement Manager
3. WL School of Construction Management (SCMT) Program Overview – B. Benhart: **Gave a Purdue West Lafayette program overview. West Lafayette has 528 undergraduates, 53 Graduate Students. Purdue-Indianapolis will be looking for a new building. There is a new website up and running. Curriculum ready spring of 2024. Fall 2024 new curriculum will start running. Students in previous curriculum will continue to take classes based on old curriculum. Eventually older cohorts will phase out. The program will emphasize classroom instruction. Admissions closed box process. Night classes will continue at Purdue-Indianapolis. Purdue-Indianapolis will be looking for a 5,000-sf space for lab space. Purdue-Indianapolis will lessen the use of adjuncts and have more full-time staff. Purdue member of Associated Schools of Construction. Emphasis on undergraduate research. There will be study abroad opportunities. Purdue has relationships with 5 foreign universities.**
4. Curriculum Update – B. Hubbard
 - Implementation schedule: **New curriculum will start in the fall of 2024.**
 - Curriculum merges and incorporates courses from both programs.
 - Course buckets and delivery
 - Leveraging strengths of the IUPUI program
 - Facilities update and equipment: **Program looking for 5,000 sf lab space off campus.**
 - Concentration options for Indianapolis students
 - Engineering mechanics
 - **Purdue-Indianapolis internship requirement will increase to 800 hours.**
5. Admissions – B. Hubbard
 - Frequently asked questions
 - Students can choose which campus they would like to attend: **Initially. But cannot go back and forth with West Lafayette and Indianapolis.**
 - Tuition: **Will be the same.**
 - Ivy Tech relationship: **Program in process of amending agreement with Ivy Tech.**
 - **Purdue-Indianapolis: There will be a review of capstone and internships.**
6. Overview of the WL Construction Advisory Council (CAC) Structure and Operation – C. Durnil, B. Benhart, H. Hassenplug
 - **Purdue-West Lafayette: \$4,000 membership fee. West Lafayette career fair: 233 booths, 21 on wait list. There CAC meetings are ½ day before each career fair in September and February.**



- Allen mentioned West Lafayette fee structure will not work for Purdue-Indianapolis in the short run. Increase fees would drive away smaller companies.
- The big question is how each program is going to share donations. How will Indianapolis IAB structure its fees and fund raising. It was noted that our independence is a strength, and our fiscal independence is another strength. The fund-raising part needs further discussion and agreement.

7. Exploring Options for Industry Support and Advisory Boards – B. Benhart
 - Committee with representatives from both boards
 - Single point of representation for curriculum
8. Construction Management Career Fairs – H. Hassenplug
 - WL Overview – H. Hassenplug
 - Continuing Indianapolis
9. Current WL Construction Management Technology – Student Organizations & Resources – H. Hassen, B. Benhart
 - Adding Society of Student Constructors to current
10. Update on Indy CM Program ACCE Visit (M. Ray): **This will be the last accreditation for IUPUI. The next accreditation will be combined in 2025 with Purdue-Lafayette.**

Questions for Review

1. Indy IAB Member Questions/Concerns on Merger
 - The IAB has attended the Indiana school counselors fair every November for the past few years. We have a booth reserved for this November as well. We need to transition to advertising Purdue's CM program. What is our messaging to school counselors, and what (if any) permission do we need to print Purdue's logo?
 - Many IUPUI students work full-time in the industry or elsewhere while attending school (mostly evening classes). This benefits both local contractors as well as students. How can Purdue support a similar effort?
 - How will this merger effect admissions to the Indianapolis campus? Many students/alumni of IUPUI could not qualify for acceptance into Purdue – West Lafayette, however, were able to qualify for acceptance in the IUPUI CM program. Will this merger make acceptance into Purdue Indianapolis program the same as Purdue Lafayette? If not, what differences will the two campuses have in admissions?
 - How will the merger impact the value of the Indianapolis CM program? Will tuition vary between West Lafayette and Indianapolis?
 - Will students have the opportunity to start the CM program in West Lafayette and transition/continue the program in Indy? For example, some students may want to start in West Lafayette for the "college experience" then transition to Indy for better part-time work opportunities.
 - Many IUPUI Students have been active with the Society of Student Constructors group. Will that group be able to maintain a presence in Indy moving forward? Many local contractors have had the opportunity to attend meetings to present what the company does, and gain interest for internships and employment.
 - Will the CM career fairs be able to continue at the Indianapolis campus?
 - It was mentioned at the previous IAB meeting that there may be a trend of some technical courses being replaced with more management/theory courses. Both are important, but it would seem that management courses are inadequate without a foundational understanding of construction



disciplines. Internships/Co-ops are critical for providing hands-on experience of putting work in place, but this must be reinforced in the classroom as well.

- Will Purdue still honor the existing 2 + 2 arrangement IUPUI has with Ivy Tech?

2. Future of Advisory Boards – CAC & IAB

- Purdue Senior Leadership Stance on 2 Advisory Boards
- AACE Stance on 2 Advisory Boards
 - i. ACCE website requirements for advisory boards
- Differences in CAC & IAB today
- Option to form joint Indy/West Lafayette industry member team for joint operations

3. Curriculum Update

- What curriculum from the IUPUI program will be maintained?
- What are some strengths of the IUPUI program that should be considered?
- Concentration options for Indianapolis students.

4. Update on Campus Facilities for Purdue Indy

- Input on Lab Facilities and Equipment needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Galloway
IUPUI CM IAB
Chairman