



**SURV Advisory Committee-MINUTES**  
**April 23, 2025, at 12:00 pm**  
**Clark College Main Campus, SCI 123**

**Members Present:** Jeff Lynch (Chair), Survey Specialist, City of Vancouver Survey Department; Mike Swanson, BLM Indian Lands Surveyor, Bureau of Land Management; Tim Hollenbeck, Project Surveyor, AKS Engineering & Forestry LLC; John Blaike (Vice-Chair), Survey Manager, S&F Land Services; Justin Bowling, WFL Survey Manager & FHWA Land Services, FHA- Western Federal Lands; Paul Galli, Land Surveyor, Cowlitz County

**Guests:**

**Members Absent:** John Besancon, Engineering Technician, Clark County Surveyor's Office; Weston Dorszynski, City Survey Manager, City of Vancouver; Chris Sherby, Owner, S&F Land Services; Tony Chenier, Land Surveyor, MacKay Sposito

**Labor Representative:**

**Clark College:** Tina Barsotti (Faculty Lead), Instructor; Brian Miyake, Instructor; Liz Bigback (Advisory Committee Coordinator Representative), Fiscal Analyst; Justin Stokes, Clark College Foundation; Lynn Groom, Clark College Foundation; Erielle Lamb, Instructor; Theo Koupelis, Dean of WPTE/STEM

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The meeting began at 12:04pm

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The committee will meet next on October 15, 2025.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the previous meeting on 10/16/2024 were approved as presented.

**COLLEGE UPDATES**

Tina updated that the Ridgefield campus has been completed and will have students taking classes there soon.

Foundation: Advanced Manufacturing program will begin in Fall 2025. This will include welding, machining, robotics, and other subjects encompassing all of manufacturing. Penguins give begins tomorrow (4/24). It is a single day of digital giving. Lynn presented the page of campus partners that

are listed on the website, which includes the surveying giving option which will donate directly to the program. Any gift that is given on 4/24 will be matched. This is additional dollars for the Surveying program. Lynn asked the committee to share this information with anyone that they think may be interested in donating or advocating. Last year Surveying was one of the top dollar donors. Lynn applauded the Surveying committee for the work they did during Penguins Give last year and expressed hope that this year will be equally as successful.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Brian shared that the department is still in need of additional adjuncts. He asked the committee to share this news and send anyone who may be interested to him.

The committee inquired about how many students are enrolled. Brian shared that there are twenty-something in the largest enrolled class and approximately 12 in the most recent cohort. He is noticing that many times new students come from previous students sharing their experience with friends and family.

Paul asked whether there are recruitment fliers available. Brian and Tina have an updated flyer in the works and will share it out with interested committee members when complete. Brian also shared their current pamphlets out with the committee and welcomes them to share them with interested parties.

Brian shared that the NSPS competition took place recently and Clark took 1<sup>st</sup> place. He has a group of at least 5 students that are eager to participate as a team again next year.

John shared that there has been buzz about Clark's win and offered that he may have a connection for a publicity spot to feature their win. Justin added that the foundation may have some sort of notoriety in the works as well and will follow up on this.

Brian thanked all the donors who made it possible for Clark students to participate in NSPS for the first time.

## **CURRICULUM UPDATES**

Tina shared that there are no updates happening at this time and thanked the committee for their support in past updates.

## **INDUSTRY FEEDBACK**

The City of Vancouver has hired a summer intern, Klara, in its surveying department.

LSAW has reformed the education outreach committee. The goal is to advocate for local surveying programs within Washington state. John welcomed college representatives to reach out for collaborative opportunities to get the word out about the program through LSAW. There is also a 2-minute video on the NW land surveyor's website that helped with recruitment. The committee would also would like to see students get involved in YSN, which Brian said that he indeed does have some students that are interested.

Brian asked the committee to send him any job openings for graduating students.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42pm.