

March 27,2026

Interior Design Advisory Committee Meeting Spring 2026 Minutes

COLLEGE: SRJC

DEPARTMENT: STEAM

PROGRAM: INTERIOR DESIGN

Coordinator: Shari Canepa (Present)

Department Chairperson: Robert Grandmaison (Absent)

Admin: Doshia Dodd (Present)

Faculty: Jim Freed, Peter Levelle (Present)

Advisory Chair:

Michelle La Voie (Present)

Voting Members:

Christina Pratt (Present as Jennifer Sutter's Proxy)

Bettina Schoefer (Present)

Andy Bannister (Present)

Lauren Brandwein (Present)

MEETING BEGINS at 4:00 PM (Quorum Met)

Meeting Location: SRJC on Site Lindley 111

OLD BUSINESS

- Michelle voted to approve last meeting minutes, Andy Second
- [Meeting Notes](#) from ADVISORY COMMITTEE Nov. 21 2025
- Shari requested committee member short bios for the Program [website](#)

Issues brought to the administration for answers: (not discussed)

Losing students to on-line Colleges

All members wanted us to limit the acceptance of other colleges

Shari has answers from a Dec 4th e-mail to Robert Grandmaison to share.

NEW BUSINESS (not discussed)

Reducing classes being given each semester we are running every third semester

K& B INDE 122. (will be offered FALL 2026)

Interior Illustration. INDE 67

Studio (Capstone class) INDE 71

Interior Design COURSES Fall 2026

INDE 52 Space Planning and Environmental Design	Shari	Mon 10-3
INDE 122 Kitchen and Bath	Shari	Tues 11-3
INDE 20 Intro	Jim	Thurs 5-8 on-line
INDE 20 Intro	Art	Wed 2-5
INDE 50 Drafting	Jim	Fri 12-5
INDE 63 Materials & Lighting	Art	Wed 10-1

Correction on Committees roster

Want to make sure this has been corrected before we take it off the meeting record.

Confirming this is the 2025-26 list, to be approved by the BOT:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Email</u>
Bannister	Andy	Earthtone Construction	andy@earthtoneconstruction.com
Brandwein	Lauren	Rock House Design	lauren@rhdesignstudio.com
La Voie	Michelle	Interior Designer	colordaze@yahoo.com
Schofer	Bettine	Premier Kitchens and Bath	bettina@pacific.net
Sutter	Jennifer	Trope Group	jsutter@tropegroup.com

- Corrections needed:
 - Remove Jennifer Sutter with Trope Group
 - Replace with Christina Pratt, Trope Group, cpratt@tropegroup.com
 - Update Michelle La Voie Affiliation
 - Integrated Design
 - Update Bettina Schofer email address
 - bettinaschoefer@yahoo.com

Community Meeting attendance:

- NICHOLS, MELBURG & ROSSETTO ARCHITECTS + ENGINEERS
- Michelle Harris about internships and career education Offered a project for INDE 52 commercial space planning
 - Scholarships and internships offered every year
 - Need to get this information to the students
 - Shari attended

Southwest Santa Rosa Center (Roseland Campus)

- A meaningful opportunity to broaden the reach of our Interior Design and Architecture programs
- Offering an introductory design course at that location could help lower access barriers for students in the surrounding community, while also increasing visibility of our programs among students who may not have previously considered design as an academic or career pathway
 - Jim attended

OPEN FORUM

AI in the Interior Design work place:

- Concerns about AI taking student jobs- discussed with Committee
 - Staff still need to input data into chatGPT
 - Some interior designers might get cut out, because some people come to show rooms with AI generated modules asking specifically for that
 - However clients still want to work with real people
 - AI is just another new tool to use
- Are the expectations too much if they use AI for the 3D rendering?
 - A person is still needed for 3D rendering
 - AI created a 3D rendering faster and accurate even though people still want to use autoCAD (would have taken hours in sketch-up)
 - Committee discussed how to use AI to make client presentations
 - Upload CAD to AI
 - Upload elevation
 - Upload line drawing

- Upload floor plan
- Shari is administering an AI homework assignment
 - Students presents two plans
 - First is the Students ideas
 - Second Students put their presentation into AI
 - Upload both and see the difference

Holistic approach/ Multidisciplinary Program

- Peter interested in building an architecture and Interior design program like Sac State
 - Multiple class offerings
 - Need more faculty
 - Add more “commercial” projects to the ID existing program
 - INDE 63 Materials
 - INDE 52 Space Planning
 - INDE 71 Studio
- Connecting Architecture, Construction, and Interior Design
 - Shari suggest field trips to active construction sites
 - Make more electives that incorporate architecture and construction classes
- Roseland Extension Program
 - Jim talked about teaching INDE 20 to this group as a hybrid class starting next year
 - Committee thought that was a great way to reach out to the community and add a new
 - Cohort to increase enrollment

Pre-requisites

- Shari was told she would get in trouble for introducing a new graphics program without prior preparation
 - About ¼ of students hand-draft
 - Shari works with them after class
 - Students complain about learning two things at once was too hard
 - Shari pairs up experienced CAD students with less prepared students on group projects
 - Doshia mentioned the open lab and how students could get help from Todd
 - The committee said that it is too hard to prepare everyone since we have little control of program sequence
- Should there be graphic programs as a pre-req or have them as a co-requisite
 - Shari thinks this will reduce student sign-ups
 - The great thing about SRJC is that anyone can take any class
 - INDE 20 is the most popular
- Shari suggest changing the elective and not adding pre-reqs
- Overall the committee thinks Chief Architect should not be a pre-req for any classes because they can use other programs like CAD and REVIT. If the student can hand-draft and the teacher thinks it is okay then you don't need a pre req which will reduce enrollment.
 - Yes, CAD is needed in the industry, but no, it is not needed for casual students wanting to learn content i.e. Kitchen and Bath
- Commercial Interior Design
 - Mostly ADA compliance make it different from residential design
 - Space planning for office space is a unique skill
 - Material selections are different i.e. healthcare spaces
 - Commercial restrooms are very different
 - These were things to teach suggested by the Committee

Events

- Architecture Lecture series open to the public
 - The Committee took pictures of the flyer Peter brought

VOTES:

1. Yes vote; to add commercial interior into current curriculum
2. Yes vote; no pre-req of computer drafting for INDE 122 and INDE 52

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