

University of Nebraska at Kearney Industrial Distribution Program Advisory Council Minutes

October 12, 2021 at 4:00PM CST
University of Nebraska at Kearney
Discovery Hall – Room 383

Attendees: Brian Rote, Brett Douglass, Brian Homard, Alex Losen; Lindsey Trotter, Dawson Wills, Mike Fink, Ed Ketcham, Glen Bates; Mitch Peters, Kevin Hunt, Matt Muller, Jim Vaux, Josh Olson, Landon Siebert, Jaxon Worley, Christian Richter : Attending via Zoom: Jim Jeffiers

Meeting called to order by Brian Rote. February 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.
Ben Brachle introduced new faculty member Mitch Peters.

IDO President Christian Richter presented the IDO Report. Touched base on activities IDO is doing since “Toys for Kids” was not an event they could hold due to covid. Other ways they helped out in the community was by sponsoring a blood drive.

IDO Membership dues used to be a \$20 fee. Now all ID students are considered a member. There’s approximately 90 ID students. About 80% of students have a job or are in sports. Events in the past year were very minimal due to Covid.

IDO VP of Recruitment Jaxson and Landon discussed recruiting. They have a marketing recruiter – and marketing was heavily focused on last year since “in-person recruiting” was obsolete. It is starting to pay off. We acquired 10 new majors and 1 minor in ID just from hosting one INFO night. If any companies would like to attend an INFO night and be a speaker, please contact Landon or Jaxson.

IDO Student Josh Olson discussed his project for the Honors Program. It will be focusing on Handshake. Is it helping the companies and students? Should we continue with it, or find other alternatives? He will be sending surveys asking for your input.

Ben Brachle presented curriculum changes. (see attached handout).

The ID Internship class will now be ITEC 477 instead of ITEC 475. In the past ITEC 475 was the internship class for all programs in ITEC. (Construction Management, Industrial Distribution and Interior Product Design) The ID program wanted to have specific prerequisites for their internship class that were specific to their major, resulting in creating a new class number for the internship class.

General Studies credits have gone from 45 to 30, resulting in unrestricted electives. This allows the students to select more classes relating to their major or even adding a minor.

The advisory council liked the new prerequisites for the internship class. Discussion ensued if losing ITEC 110 will be a concern for recruitment. ITEC 130 is still being taught by ID faculty. The advisory council liked the idea of ITEC 114 now being a 3 credit hour class instead of 2 (and another 1 from 110) ITEC 114 is specifically for ID Majors and now has more class time to focus on ID.

The advisory council approved all the new changes in the curriculum.

The members of the meeting proceeded to move to DSCH 101 to review the new layout of how the lab/classroom is being utilized. Portable walls have been installed to create an office environment for role playing. The walls can be removed in less than 15 minutes.

5:30pm - Meeting adjourned.