

2009 – 2010 Academic Year Report to the
Tuskegee Architecture & Construction Sciences Alumni



Boys Trades Building ca: 1899 RR Taylor architect lost in a 1918 fire the Willcox Trades Complex replaced this building in 1922 becoming home to Tuskegee Architecture program

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Dear Tuskegee Architecture/Construction Alumni:

On Behalf of my family and myself I want to extend our deepest appreciation for the kindness and consideration of each and every one of you. I have realized the importance of sending cards, acknowledgments or flowers to mark significant events in a person's life – *my Mom raised me that way*. But never facing the incomprehensible loss of one's Mother – I could never know nor begin to convey to you in words the importance of your warm condolences, supportive gestures and wonderful flowers to us and how important they were and *will always be a part* of our new strength that has brought us through those dark days and continues to give us strength and courage.

Your kindness will forever occupy a warm spot in our hearts thank you so very much for thinking of us and our wonderful Mom.

Warm regards,

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cc: L Burge, Dean

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My status and leadership in the Department

As some of you may have been aware we have been attempting to expand the Department leadership /administrative ranks. The passing of my Mother and the needs of the Department were in conflict and I was unable to estimate (and I am still unable) the amount time I would need to tend to family matters and so indicated to the Administration with the expectation of having formal discussions before making any announcement. I had no intention of my emails being made public, nor was I aware that it had been until today June 18, 2010. So while I can't project the needs nor my responsibilities to my family know it has not been my intention to mislead.

FACULTY

I can not stress enough our need to hire a Director of the CSM Program we have fought for the slot and have funding for a full time experienced person able to lead and develop the program. If the slot is not filled we may loose the funds given the tight economic times.

OTHER FACULTY POSITIONS

Full time in CSM a high priority experienced structural engineer able to teach structures to architects and construction students.

We are seeking new paradigms and are open to innovation desirable to develop a new type office based in Tuskegee able to pursue projects with unique student faculty teams. Structure ideally would be self supporting and perhaps generating funding for student scholarship support. Seems it would be hard for this "group" lose out on upcoming university projects.

ACCREDITATION

We will complete the Architecture Program Report (APR) in July or early August it will be submitted in September and we will notified of the dates of our Spring site visit and the Team Chair. It would most helpful and welcome to have alumni involvement over the summer and in the fall in the completion of the APR. It would be prudent to elect a member and a possible alternate **to serve as an observer and able to devote three days during the Spring 2011 visit.**

GRADUATE/EMPLOYER SURVEY

A new NAAB requirement is more documentation of the evaluation of our program by graduates and employers how do our students stack up? How well has our program prepared them? It would be helpful to have your suggestions and support with mailing list emails etc as we will not complete the survey for the APR but need to demonstrate our plan and progress. Need your help in keeping track of newly licensed alumni architects and those taking exam in state and throughout the country.

INTERNSHIP

Mr. Fluker has been appointed our *IDP Education Coordinator* he will give you a report on the program and the state of Alabama's plan for payment of the intern application fee for all of our third year students. **We need your help in developing a structured plan to employ upper level students in summer internship positions.** This summer, Ms Simmone Woody, a fifth year student, was one of two students selected on a competitive basis to intern in Washington, DC with a unique new GSA Design excellence program. A CSM student has begun a summer internship with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

STUDENTS

We graduated 22 students in May, 12 architecture and ten CSM. Three architecture students have gone to grad school 1 at Georgia Tech and two to Auburn University. The two top CSM students, both women had interned a few years with Turner and have assumed positions with their New York and Dallas offices.

FALL We have 63 students accepted for the Fall; 53 architecture and 10 CSM however just over 20 have paid their enrollment fees and been placed into the system. We need the alumni to call students in their areas again to encourage them to complete the process and pay the fees. Contact freshmen coordinator Prof Bates-Taylor for information on students.

NEED FOR MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

The gap between increasing tuition costs and loans continues to present a challenge to our students. There have been cases this past year with students slipping in a Math Course (D) which lowers the GPA in one case to 2.9 which results in a loss of scholarship funds and student unable to return. It would be beneficial for the Department to have control of a fund, as large as possible to assist worthy students.

MISCELLANEOUS

Other there is great interest in a travel abroad program of some sort the Department expects to sponsor a trip either in the spring or early summer to Spain and/or Europe. We welcome your support and suggestions students will be fund raising.

The Department under Mr. Ames and Sehgal's direction will continue to offer continuing education seminars around sustainability computer applications. We welcome your support and suggestions for additional programs and grants.

WE WANT TO HOLD A DEVELOPMENT CHARRETTE TO REDEVELOP THE WILLCOX COMPLEX TO INCLUDE PROGRAM, DESIGNS AND PROJECT COSTS

WE NEED AND WELCOME YOUR IDEAS AND SUPPORT