

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
April 21, 2016

Committee members present: David Clark an NVCC adjunct instructor, Richard Gillespie from the Mosley Heritage Area, Tracy Gillespie from NOVA Parks, Jana Shafagoj from Morven Park, Phyllis Cook-Taylor from the Balch Library

Others present: Heidi Siebentritt, the Loudoun County Historical Preservation planner; Tom Hyland; Patrick Erichson, student

For NOVA: Charlie Evans, Doug Campbell, Marc Dluger, Sheri Robertson

Class Visit

The committee visited Professor Dluger's Introduction to Material Culture class. Committee members told students about their jobs and their education. Students asked questions about the field and about the future of the program.

Heidi described her job as working a lot with government policy to manage change. She often has to work with contractors. They have great heritage resources. Ex: slave burial ground in Toll Brothers land at intersection of routes 7 and 659. Preservation has changed from just don't change anything to interpreting sites as to how they relate to today. All Toll Brothers gets out of this is good press. Virginia is a big land use rights state so policy can work to establish historic districts or maybe help move or dismantle and salvage a historic structure so the materials can be used to save another historic building.

Rich discussed the importance of education so the public supports good behavior.

Good field to study for architects, urban planners.

Students asked about the future of the program. Charlie and Sheri explained the challenges.

Jana studies evolution of buildings and what that tells us about history. A graduate degree can get you a good job traveling and making \$\$\$\$ working for large corporations or the government.

Sheri's Random Thoughts

I thought about my book that presents the history of Scotland through its architecture.

I think they should ask Professor David Scheid to give a lecture on historic gardens.

Places to advertise:

Ingleside winery (with its little museum of local artifacts)

Hiking and History Buffs Meetup

Alexandria Hiking and Walking Group

Brochure stands that advertise historic homes

Steve advertise in the Workforce brochure.

Talk to Hiking Jim the journalist to do an article?

Committee Meeting

Tom Hyland noted that the National Park Service offered to rewrite the job requirements for entry level jobs so our CSC grads could qualify. But under earlier CSC program leadership, there was no follow up.

Suggestion from the advisory committee for a historic architecture course.

David Clark mentioned perhaps an archival research course.

Tom Hyland mentioned that we should look at program in Bucks County PA, and Charlie responded that he has been in contact with that program, which is now online.

Sheri discussed transfer issues, and the difficulty of our 100-level courses being accepted as 200 or 300 level equivalents.

It was mentioned that there is no NOVA advertising at the new over-50 communities. Do so!

Ask for public interest PR playing up the effect is program has had on the students in it. In particular, ask Margaret, at Loudoun Times, to do an article.

Patrick Erichson was just at a conference in DC at the national org and the local DC Trust Board of Historic Preservation had not heard of our program.

We do pretty well with contacting LoCo sites but know need to get to others, especially in Alexandria, Fairfax, etc. Faculty can't do all of this! Need support and assistance from the advisory committee.

Much unhappiness with the possibility that the program would be closed. Some committee members felt that since adjuncts don't get paid much, having even a few students should more than cover the costs. There was long discussion about the benefits of the program and the impact that it has on the community, even if there are not a lot of graduates. Charlie and Sheri explained that there is a lot of re-evaluation of the suitability of CSC programs at the college. Idea broached about a certificate of completion instead of a CSC.

Idea of teaching courses on other campuses to make sure that we target the college's entire service area.