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Hi everyone! Mark Mappala and I just returned from our trip to Bozeman for the Advisory Council | Graduate Council | Business Alliance meeting. I wanted to let you know that Mark and I had an *amazing* experience while in Bozeman. Listed below are the major items discussed during the meeting.

CORE GROUPS:

This meeting had a new format of sub-committee breakout sessions, where sub-committees were formed in the areas of Knowledge, Advocacy, and Resources, and Alliance members grouped into sub-committees of personal interest. Each sub-committee has a 'chair' and a 'staff representative' to facilitate the group and provide a liaison to the staff. The Knowledge sub-committee also has a faculty liaison. The idea behind the sub-committees is to create working groups to identify tasks and priorities, and accomplish what it sets out to do with ongoing feedback. The new format for the break out session was extremely productive and allowed more opportunities for engaging participation.

NEWSLETTER:

YEAH! We finished the newsletter! In the Spring of 2005, the Graduate Council was tasked with creating a newsletter for outreach to alumni and students. A template was distributed to the Alliance, who were extremely excited about the layout, design and contents. The newsletter will be published twice a year, following the meetings. Mark has volunteered to work on the Spring 2006 newsletter and Marcel has volunteered for Fall 2006. As we learned more about the achievements of students and faculty we were extremely impressed and inspired by the high caliber of work and motivation generated within the School of Architecture's program. Lindsay will be sending out the newsletter shortly so stay tuned!

WEBSITE:

There was a demonstration of the new School of Architecture website. The various councils have a link with information regarding our mission statement and contact information. If you have any comments, please contact Lindsay. The graphics are pretty hot so check it out!

SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHITECT?

A new forum discussion was initiated as a way to foster connections between the graduate council alumni and current 4th year and Thesis students. This candid discussion workshop titled "SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHITECT?" explored topics such as office culture, employment, salaries, and networking. We have attached the flyer and guide for your reference. The forum turned out to be an awesome experience, with a great student turnout and support from the students and faculty. It was an amazing way for the students to connect and ask questions regarding what to expect after graduation. Since it was so successful, the Advisory Board would like to start having this forum as an integral activity during the meetings.

LISTSERVE:

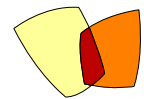
This would be a great way to keep in touch and keep everyone informed of the latest and greatest regarding the Graduate Council and our endeavors. We hope to start the listserv by the end of October. If there is an alternate email address at which you would like to be contacted through please let me know.

NEXT MEETING:

Mark your calendars...Feb 16 and Feb 17. Stay tuned for more information from Lindsay. We hope everyone can make it!

Cheers,

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