What’s been happening with the CCCAP?

“What is the value of the CCCAP?” “What should be its purpose?” “What has it done for my program?”

These are questions that I heard from someone in response to the 2015-2016 membership drive. Right now there is a political candidate who seems to have grandiose ideas about how to solve all of the country’s problems. We are not grandiose and we do have some ideas … but we also have evidence of how the CCCAP has been making a difference.

I hope that these achievements answer the top three questions. We are moving forward!

#1 Changes in the NAAB Standards of Accreditation 2014 as a result of the CCCAP Report on Recommended Revisions for the NAAB Standards of Accreditation 2014

As an organization we prepared a five-page report which was reviewed by the NAAB in 2013 and we were invited as a guest to their NAAB Standards Review Retreat in 2014.

The final NAAB Standards of Accreditations 2014 included approval that schools accepting transfer students were responsible for determining the articulation of transfer courses and would not be jeopardized by those decisions.

#2 Creation by the ACSA of the “Community Colleges & Pre-professional Education in Architecture Working Group” with the CCCAP as the co-host in March 2014

Fifteen members of the ACSA convened on a conference call at the behest of their executive director and Southeast Division Director, Corey Saft, to establish a “Working Group” on community college architecture programs. As noted in their email message of 3.11.2014, “In light of the stated interests of participants in the previous agenda item, what discussions and actions should occur? Suggested areas:

(a) Articulation agreements, transfer policies, and formal and informal relationships between community colleges, NAAB-accredited programs, and 4-year pre-professional programs (non-NAAB accredited.)

(b) Curriculum models: similarities, differences, and perceptions about architecture programs in different settings.

(c) Faculty development needs and opportunities: common and diverging discussions of pedagogy, course design, assessment methods, and scholarly production
Tying into the Conference Call, the CCCAP was invited to make a presentation to the ACSA Board of Directors at the ACSA Convention in April 2014. Both Randy Steiner and Andrew Chandler addressed the 17-member board with concerns and strategies of the CCCAP.

3. **Requests from CCAP members and non-members for letters of support for their academic programs:**

Two CCAPs in California faced academic challenges in 2014. At their request, letters of support from the Coalition were prepared and sent to the provosts at the schools. As a result, one of the architecture programs was allowed to remain in their studio facilities and the other program was allowed to stay fully staffed. Copies of the letters are available for your viewing.

4. **Application for National Science Foundation Grant on “Increasing Technician Preparedness in the Built Environment” September 2015**

This architecture technician education proposal has been submitted by Sinclair Community College (Dayton, OH) in collaboration with two other community college architecture programs, the CCCAP, and the Construction Specifications Institute. The NSF Building Efficiency for a Sustainable Tomorrow (BEST) Center will serve as a dissemination partner and the Institute for Women in Trades, Technology & Science will provide training on Women in STEM success strategies.

These partners will increase the employment preparedness of community college architectural, construction management, and building sciences technicians by embedding critical STEM content into the two-year curriculum to better address the workforce needs of the built environment industry.

The support of the CCCAP on this grant application is important because it serves a resource which will disseminate the curriculum and degree options to be created by the grant.

5. **Presentation of a session at AIA National Convention 2015 Atlanta**

Out of 650+ entries, the CCCAP was selected to be one of 70 sessions at the 2015 convention. The opportunity to present the story of the community college architecture graduate at this national forum was terrific. It was a chance to speak to the largest professional association of our profession.

6. **Presentations to ACSA Administrators’ Conferences in Providence, RI 2014 and Philadelphia, PA 2015 on “Widening the Pipeline to the Profession” and “CCAP _ Transfer Options”**

As a result of these two presentations, deans and directors of ACSA programs have been directly exposed to data about the CCAP graduates and programs. Faculty members discussed problems of curriculum non-alignment and how to resolve these conflicts.

We, the CCCAP, were invited to these presentations. We must have some value.

7. **Membership of ACSA schools in the CCCAP 2015-2016**

To date, four ACSA schools [University of Houston, Southern Illinois University, University of Hartford, and Bluefield State University] have joined as Institutional Members of the CCCAP.

8. **CCCAP Student Design Competition 2015**
In May 2015 four designs by community college architecture students were selected by a team of architects, journalists, and contractors for their projects on the “XS-S-M House.” Awards were given for “Best Overall”, “Best Design in Minimum Cubic Footage”, and “Best Design in terms of Environmental Strategies”, and “Honorable Mention.” Over 80 entries were submitted from 30+ CCAPs.

9. **Creation of a Website for CCCAP which will be expanded in 2016**

Christine Marriott, AIA [Wilbur Wright College] has joined the Website Committee. Future content will include shared curriculum and projects, best practices for faculty development and student enrollment, job opportunities, listing of CCAPs with email and contact data, and links.

10. **UPCOMING INVITATION TO CO-HOST ACSA CONVENTION 2016 “CCAP TRANSFER STRATEGIES”**

In response to a CCCAP proposal, the ACSA will be offering a panel on transfer options with three CCAPs and ACSA schools on Saturday, March 19th in Seattle, WA. The CCAPs will be David Edwards [Spokane College], Michael Connor [San Antonio College], and Randy Steiner [Montgomery College].

A second panel is planned with Jane Ostergaard [College of DuPage], Lee Waldrep ACSA [University of Illinois], Norman Millar ACSA [Woodbury University], and Mo Zell ACSA [University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee] in Chicago, Ill at the ACSA Administrators’ Conference in November 2016.

**CCCAP Conference Philadelphia 2016 – May 21st**

Why not have the CCCAP Conference when it is most convenient for faculty? Some have late May commencement and academic commitments.

The CCCAP Board decided to schedule the 2016 CCCAP Conference for SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 2016, the last day of the AIA National Convention. We are selecting a meeting space but check out this website for reservations: [http://convention.aia.org/Attendee/Travel/Housing](http://convention.aia.org/Attendee/Travel/Housing)

The format of the Conference will be Changing Times. The following topics were selected from the list of suggestions at the 2015 Conference in Atlanta.

- Strategies to developing a transfer flexible transfer curriculum
- What NCARB’s new pathways means for community college programs
- Strategies to effectively use advisory board
- Online courses successes and failures, how to make them better
- Innovations in Community College Curriculum
- Changing skills required in marketplace

We are currently seeking Community College Architecture Program [i.e. CCAP] faculty members and administrators who will lead conversation tables, host panel discussions, and provide presentations on these topics. A few people have already expressed interest in guiding these sessions. Please share with us your success and/or challenges on any of these topics.

There will also be a guest speaker from an ACSA school as well as a construction industry representative who will provide a lunch with Learning Unit presentation. It will be an all-day event with lunch and dinner included. The fee will be $100 for CCCAP members and $150 for non-members.
Please contact me directly if you wish to participate as a presenter, panelist, or host. Go online at www.cccap.org or call Randy at 240-462-3934.

Student Design Competition 2016: Interfaith Chapel of Peace

What an overwhelming success the CCCAP Student Design Competition 2015 was!

Jane Ostergaard AIA [College of DuPage], Board Member CCCAP, did a terrific job as leader of the competition. After shifting from one design program for the competition to another, over 80 students registered for the competition! Winners were selected by a jury of architects, builders, and writers with housing expertise. She is leading the efforts on the 2016 SDC too.

Are you and your students ready for CCCAP Student Design Competition 2016?

The project is a non-denominational worship and meditation space set in a natural environment of the students’ choice. The goal is to develop a space that is universal and encourages connections between individuals and the between individuals and the environment. The students should strive to create a sense of spirituality, peace and contemplation through light, scale, form and nature. Designs should demonstrate a responsible relationship with the environment through the use of sustainable and recycled materials and alternative energy sources.

Please see the attachment files with further information about the program and registration process. Registration is between February 1 and March 1, 2016. Deadline to submit entry is May 1, 2016.

Judges are being selected and we will announce them in the next CCCAP Newsletter.

Here are a few images of the SDC 2015 entries. Encourage your students to enter the competition and have the chance to design this unique structure.

Membership in the CCCAP

We have 16 FULL MEMBERS, but there are over 120 CCAPs. Have you joined yet? Why not?

Don’t let the fiscal year end without your request to your College for funding for your membership in this unique organization. The Coalition is all about the Community College Architecture Programs.
Annual dues are $325 for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The Board has approved the one-time policy that 2015-2016 dues will extend to December 31st, 2016. The CCCAP will then change its’ membership period to January 1 to December 31 as of 2017.

**So, join now and get a full year until December 31**!

Full Membership is the category for all community college architecture programs. It includes discounted conference registration fee, free participation in the Student Design Competition, promotion of information with ACSA, and access to portions of CCCAP website which are members-only including our directory, course descriptions, curriculums, best practices, and more.

Many CCAPs have used Perkins funding to support their membership dues as the CCCAP is a non-profit 501.3(c) professional organization. See what your Perkins funds in your state allow.

If you are currently a FULL MEMBER, please fill out the attached form, “Membership Renewal”, and pay for your 2015-2016 membership.

If you are NOT a FULL MEMBER, please fill out attached form, “CCCAP Application”, and pay for your 2015-2016 membership.

We have established a credit card payment processing procedure. There will be a $10 processing fee if you are using a credit card. Please contact Charlie Setterfield, CCCAP Treasurer, at Charles.setterfield@sinclair.edu with questions.

The CCCAP is representing you … the community college architecture program … and only you. As we gather together, we represent architectural educators whose graduates are eager to join the architectural community.

**WRAP UP**

So, keep working on your transfer efforts. Let me know if you are interested in being part of the Conference 2016. Renew your membership or join as a first time FULL MEMBER.

Have a terrific semester.

… **Randy** Steiner, AIA [Montgomery College, MD]

President and Founder, Coalition of Community College Architecture Programs Inc. [CCCAP]

**NOTE:** Please pardon any incorrect spellings of names and/or schools.