A big thanks goes out to our Professional Advisory Board for being here for Friday's meeting. Sharing our accomplishments with such an esteemed group was invigorating. Getting their feedback was even better. Thank you students for the strong showing at the third annual "Ask an Architect" panel. The fun didn't stop Friday, as Open House on Saturday was packed. Thanks to the AIAS for the tunes and setting the stage, literally, with Box Alley. A big thanks also goes out to our Student Advisory Board, our communications and events committee led by Dick Hoag, and all the faculty and students who made it successful. I also want to congratulate IAPD on 50 years and going all out at Open House.

RANKINGS
As a program, our totality of efforts have made us a consistent top ten architecture school. This last year was different and like you, it has been on my mind. Given that nothing fundamentally changed from the previous year—in fact I argue that we made the program even stronger—I tend to think that the change is one of the word not getting out. DesignIntelligence, is starting the process of surveying respondents for next year. The
student survey is now out (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Student_Architecture_Survey). We need all of you to spend the time filling it out. The firm surveys will be out later so please, over the summer encourage everyone in the firm you are interning with to fill it out. We might be somewhat of an isolated outpost of excellence in the prairie, but our graduates are valued and succeed everywhere. Let's all work together to make sure everyone knows.

Have a great week.

Matthew Knox AIA
Professor and Department Head

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Small Town Studio Update

This past weekend, the Small Town Studio finished up construction on the McCoy Pavilion, their design build project. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the site on Saturday, May 2 at noon. There'll be food and refreshments. The Studio will display the individual studio projects, too, for the townspeople to view and comment. Students proposed projects for Eureka, Kinsley, and Manhattan, Kansas. These projects, each selected, investigated and developed by students over the past academic year, range from community and art centers to mixed use housing projects.

All told, the students learned quite a bit from the design and construction of the McCoy Pavilion. Perhaps the most significant takeaway is the notion that realized design can remain true to its intent and still have a great deal of impact on a community. Throughout construction the students received a great deal of goodwill from everyone in town. People would stop by and wish us all well and tell us how grateful they were that we were investing so much effort in the town.
The project received significant support, encouragement, and assistance from across Eureka as well as here on campus. A plaque will be made to commemorate everyone who helped.

- Professor Todd Gabbard
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Professor Bob Condia sent these photographs he has taken during his semester in Italy.
Are you a student that's interested in global leadership, the environment and making friends abroad? Apply to be a paid student mentor for the K-State Institute on
Environmental Stewardship for 2015. The deadline is Wednesday, April 15th and the position will run from June 29th to August 2nd. For more information and application details click here.

Upcoming APDPro events:

**APDPro: Kenneth Turner Presentation**
Friday, April 17th
11:30 a.m., Pierce Commons
Join alumnus Kenneth Turner, AIA, of Turner + DeCelles in Chicago, as he talks about his career as an international design architect, including experiences of design for the world’s tallest building, Burj Khalifa.

**APDPro: Off-Campus Opportunities Fair**
Monday, April 20th
5:30 p.m., Pierce Commons
Come learn about your options for the spring semester of your 4th year! Fellow APDesign students will share their study abroad, internship and KCDC experiences. Refreshments will be provided. **THIS EVENT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR 2ND YEAR APDPro STUDENTS.**

**Design your future. Participate in the NEW APDPro Mentor Program.**

We're very excited to announce the addition of the APDPro Mentor Program! As a part of APDPro, current 2nd, 3rd and 4th year APDPro students are invited to apply to participate in the program.

_The mission of the APDPro Mentor Program is to afford design and planning students the opportunity to learn from skilled and practiced professionals who can help guide them and provide advice as they transition to their career._

Once your application is accepted, you will be matched with a mentor in the fall of 2015. Before you're matched, you'll attend an orientation for the program so you know what's expected of you. The application deadline is Friday, May 8th. [Click here to apply.](#)

Don't miss Dr. Mick Charney’s lecture, "Reclaiming the Lecture: If We Tell Them, Will They Learn?" on Friday, April 17th at 3:30 pm in the Hemisphere Room in Hale Library. This lecture is part of the Provost Lecture Series. Dr. Charney is the 2014-15 Coffman Chair for Distinguished Teaching Scholars. For more information [click here.](#)

Faculty may sign up to schedule a TEVAL or IDEA evaluation time in Seaton 211 with Megan LaBarge. If you have questions, feel free to email her at meghanlab@ksu.edu.

Faculty should plan to attend the College Faculty/Staff meeting tomorrow, April 14th at 1:30 pm in Seaton 104.

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21 Faculty meeting at 2:30 pm in Seaton 208
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1 APDPro Ice Cream Social at 3:30 pm in the Pierce Commons
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