# Kenneth F. Robson

Gibbs College of Architecture Hall of Fame Nomination 2024



### Biography

- Born in La Grange, Texas in 1955
- Grew up in Waco, Texas and earned his bachelor degrees from Texas A&M University in Environmental Design and Construction
- Worked professionally in Houston, Phoenix, and Santa Fe in the construction industry
- Went on to earn his Masters in Construction Education from Colorado State University.
- Teaching career began at Arizona State University
- In 1994, he moved to the University of Oklahoma, taught in the Haskell and Irene Lemon Division of Construction Science in the OU Gibbs College of Architecture for 22 years, serving as the Division Director for 19 of those years.
- His work in the field of construction science on both a national and international level led him to receive the Associated Schools of Construction Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.
- He passed away on January 8th, 2022 after a heart attack and a courageous seven year battle from a traumatic brain injury.

#### **Notable Work**

- 2005 Associated Schools of Construction Outstanding Educator
- 2010 Outstanding Educator Award from AGC Education and Research Foundation
- 2019 Associated Schools of Construction Lifetime Achievement Award
- Secured nearly \$4 million dollars in endowed gifts

## Gibb's College Contributions

- Lead Construction Science Division from Regional to National prominence
- Fostered industry partnerships that benefitted the College financially and academically
- Supported study abroad programs and collaborative international competition teams
- Encouraged collaboration between Architecture and Construction Science Divisions



#### **Publications**

- Analyzing the Empire State Building Project from the Perspective of Lean Delivery System — A Descriptive Case Study
- Ranking of Key Competencies Needed to be an Effective Project Manager in the U.S. Commercial Construction Industry.
- Faculty Internship: Providing New Skills for Construction Educators
- An Innovative Partnering Approach: Industry Led Construction Labs

### Legacy

- Grew OU Construction Science program from Regional to National Prominence
- Founding partner of ASC Region 5 Student Competitions which still take place and have provided real world experience to more than 2,500 students.
- Raised funds for endowed professorships, which will support the College of Architecture in perpetuity.
- Mentored many successful students, faculty and administrators

