

Welding Technology

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 2015-2016

CHAIRPERSON: Tim Bradley		
MEETING DATE: November 19, 2015	MEETING TIME: 6:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: MSC-Bluebonnet Room Uvalde Campus
RECORDER: Vanessa Verjan		PREVIOUS MEETING: November 6, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Name and Business	Name and Business	Name and Business
Angelo, Luis	Bradley, Miles	Flores, Felix
Flores, Gabriel	Guerrero, Reyes	Hoenes, Steve
Hurst, Autum	Kimball, Frank	Lane, Chuck
Ligocky, Tim	Martinez, Jose	Matthews, Jason
McMains, Cole	Rodriguez, Alejandro	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Name and Title	Name and Title	Name and Title
Buchanan, Connie Division Chair	Cisneros, Richard Welding Instructor	Hernandez, Savanna Outreach Coordinator
Torres, Michelle Director of Outreach	Valdez, Leo Welding Instructor	Verjan, Vanessa Admin. Assist. Applied Science
Ybarra, Alberto Welding Instructor	Camacho, Allegra SWTJC Student	

AGENDA/MINUTES:

Agenda Item	Action/Discussion/ Information	Responsibility
Meeting to Order/Welcome Remarks & Introductions:	Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Administration, faculty and guests (committee members) introduced themselves. Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.	Albert Ybarra
Appointment/Continuation of New Chairperson	Tim Ligocky volunteered to serve as the chairperson. Miles Bradley seconded the motion; all in favor. Motion carried by acclamation.	Committee
SWTJC Technical Programs Advisory Committee Guidelines Review	Connie Buchanan explained the guidelines/functions of the Advisory Committee. The committee must meet at least once a year and have a quorum present. However, contact with members throughout the year via e-mail, fax or phone is strongly recommended. It is imperative that SWTJC Technical Programs are aware of what it is that employers are looking for in the graduates, as well as keeping up with new technology, program improvement suggestions, and representing the needs of students from special populations. **Guidelines were included in packet**	Connie Buchanan
Reading & Approval of Minutes	Everyone read the minutes. Miles Bradley motioned to approve; Tim Ligocky seconded the motion. All in favor – Minutes were approved without any changes.	Committee

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Old Business:	None.	
Continuing Business:	None.	
New Business:		
1. Review of Technical Programs Dashboard/Comparison of Fall 2014 to Fall 2015 Enrollment	<p>Dashboard information, the following is current enrollment: Fall 2014: 48 (first time in college student). Fall 2014: 118 (student enrollment for program). Fall 2015: 32 (first time in college student). Fall 2015: 104 (student enrollment for program).</p> <p>Albert informed the committee that there are 85 students enrolled in the Welding Program, this also includes Dual Credit students. Albert added that there are two female students that are enrolled in the program.</p>	Albert Ybarra Albert Ybarra
2. Facility Upgrades	<p>Connie updated the committee about the college purchasing a new building in Eagle Pass where they will offer the Welding Program and have evening classes available.</p>	Connie Buchanan
3. Certification Pass Rate	<p>Certification statistics: Mark Ortiz had 9 students out 19 passed. Albert Ybarra had 11 students out of 18 passed with 3G. The evening class had 6 students out of 10. Leo Valdez had 11 students out of 15 passed.</p>	Albert Ybarra
Curriculum Decisions:	None.	
Discussion/Other:	<p>Discussion: Albert mentioned that he would like to invite some of the members and talk to the students to let them know what to expect from the workforce.</p> <p>Coleman informed the committee that he speaks to his students and tells them what the industry is really like. He also added that some students have heard second hand what the welding industry is like.</p> <p>Luis Angelo shared that he looks for people with some training. The company is contracted by Union Pacific and works on the Railroad carts. Some of the locations of the company are in California, Oregon, Washington, Arkansas, and Texas.</p> <p>Richard Cisneros teaches his students many different techniques in welding to offer students different perspectives. He added that he teaches students graphing and accounting to make them more marketable.</p> <p>Luis Angelo talked about the importance of communication, and to be able to create reports on what they did on the job to get paid for it.</p> <p>Members talked about the importance of learning safety.</p>	

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Adjournment	Motion to adjourn was made by Miles Bradley; seconded by Chuck Lane. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.	
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Lunch was provided

RECORDER SIGNATURE:	DATE:	NEXT MEETING: Fall 2016, unless otherwise notified.
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