

Owens Community College

Welding Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: March 11, 2016

Location: Industrial and Engineering Technologies Building, Room 130

Industrial Attendees: Larry Blake, Jay Kelley, Terry Lowe, Aaron Oyster, Mike Rogers, Mark Scalise, John Sliwinski, Charlie Stewart, Steve Vollmar

Student Attendees: Tim Marciniak

Owens Attendees: Tony Duris, Terry Katschke

Topic	Discussion/Rationale	Recommendation/Decision/Action
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. • The College acknowledges that advisory meetings are very important and appreciates advisory member time and input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made. • Minutes from the spring meeting were reviewed and approved.
Enrollment and Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 22 sections running in Toledo this semester with 190 students enrolled. There are 6 sections running in Findlay this semester with 44 students enrolled. Some of these students could be taking multiple classes, and some are enrolled from other programs. • There are 100 Toledo students that have declared Welding as their major. This number is up 24 students or up 31.6% from last year. • There are 6 Findlay majors, down 5 students or 45.5% from last year. 	
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Duris reported that many students are not aware that they can apply for certain certificates once they complete a number of the welding courses. Certificate information is now being included on the syllabus and announced in classes • There are five mini certificates. Students need to complete two or more certificates to receive state completion funding. • Charlie Stewart mentioned that The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) has great texts that include tests and videos and also offers \$1,000 per student per certificate completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The College is in the process of automatically awarding certificates to students who earn them, instead of having to apply for them. Until the process is put in place, students will need to keep in close contact with their advisors so they know when they are eligible to apply for certificates. • It was suggested to have certificate applications available in the Welding Design Center or to pass them out in classes. • The NCCER program certification will be reviewed for feasibility and value.
Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time student Tim Marciniak really likes the program. Coming to Owens straight from Central Catholic High School without a trades background, he believes he is a pretty good welder now. Tim is a student worker in the Welding lab and will be graduating at the end of fall semester. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Tim Marciniak feels that the amount of money you can earn with a certificate versus without one is important to students. Posting information in the Welding Design Center about the Welding certificates and what courses are needed to achieve them would be helpful to students.

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Outcomes Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Katschke thanked advisory members for their responses for changes to the program outcomes. • It was mentioned that the NCCER texts also include task lists that would also help with continuity between all instructors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting for all the adjuncts will be held later March to make sure they are using the course outcomes and evaluating students the same way. • Lab Technician, Ben Frazier, is updating all the course syllabi with all the information the College and ATMAE want them to contain.
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department planning on submitting a grant application to make Owens a certified AWS testing facility. At this point, help is needed in identifying the cost of equipment and supplies to make that happen. • The welding curriculum will be reviewed over the next year or two. There are rumors that the State may mandate dropping degree requirements to 60 credits. • Charlie Stewart recommended dropping a couple machining courses and adding NDT and enhancing the codes and procedures class. An NDT program would be very expensive unless an equipment supplier is interested in donating the equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Lowe mentioned that local AWS chapter may be able to contribute a monetary donation to help Owens become a certified AWS testing site. • Members agreed that being a certified AWS testing facility would be a good move for the College and enhance the program. Once obtained, marketing materials will need to advertise that Owens is a certified AWS testing site. • A new book for WLD 190 – Welding Blueprint Reading is being reviewed for adoption. • Student success stories with what certifications were obtained and where they are working would go a long way in generating interest in the program. • Terry Lowe will contact a couple NDT equipment suppliers to see if they might be interested in a partnership with Owens.
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The \$60,000 machine that cuts and bevels material in seconds would be ideal, but too costly to purchase at this time. It will be kept in mind for the future, if funds become available. In the meantime, the lab technician in the Haas Lab will continue to bevel the material needed. • There are 9-10 adjuncts teaching this semester. This number is down due to the drop in enrollment and the number of hours adjuncts can teach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dryer for the air compressor is being installed today. • Kaufman has indicated interest in donating structural steel. Stainless is already donated by Exothermics, thanks to Mike Rogers.
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All programs reviewed by ATMAE were fully accredited. The review committee wants more data from advisory members, graduates, and students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory members were given a survey to complete and return.
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. • Terry Lowe is Chair and Mark Scalise is Vice-Chair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •