

Owens Community College

Manufacturing Technology – Welding Advisory Meeting

Date: October 3, 2008

Location: The Toledo Zoo, Toledo, Ohio

Industrial Attendees: Larry Blake, Tony Duris, Roy Martinez, Aaron Oyster, Phillip Pietras, Mark Scalise, Tom Slandzicki, Dick West, Bob Woda

Student Attendees: None

Owens Attendees: James Gilmore, Scott Killy, Veronica Miller, Charles Stewart, Bob Williams; Advisor- Stan Paige

Topic	Discussion/Rationale	Recommendation/Decision/Action
Call to Order and Review of Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Dick West.▪ Minutes are posted on the Owens web site at www.Owens.edu, under Academic Programs, School of Technology, Programs, Welding Technology, Advisory Committee, Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Minutes were distributed, reviewed and approved.
Enrollment and Retention Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Based on the 14th day enrollment reports, the Welding program is up 33 students to a total of 127 declared students which is a 35.1% increase.▪ The regular Welding certificate enrollment was up 18 students for a total of 59.▪ A list of all the class sections running this semester with the number of students in each was distributed. There are 424 students in the 48 Welding course sections running this fall. Jim Gilmore's name on the section means the class is being offered off-campus.▪ There are 14 students taking classes at Lincoln Electric in Cleveland.▪ The current two full-time faculty members are teaching the maximum 24 credit hours each, along with 14 adjunct faculty who are teaching three classes each.▪ Due to an oversight, there are up to 4 classes running concurrently which creates a very crowded situation. Jim will make sure there are only 2 running at the same time for spring semester.▪ Cohort classes are filling to capacity and have really helped enrollment. Students felt it took too long to get plate certified, so a program was developed where all five classes were put into one semester with the student having the opportunity to get plate certified at the end of one semester. These students attend class 5 hours a night, four nights a week for 16 weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Advisory committee members were unanimous in recommending that one or two more full-time faculty members and one more full-time lab technician be hired to support this program.▪ Jim Gilmore explained that along with the possibilities of alternative energy coming to NW Ohio also comes a lot of opportunities. In preparation, Jim has developed a machining cohort.▪ Marty Stevens, a former Owens Welding student won an international welding competition with 40,000 contestants.▪ Students coming out of the program are making close to \$32 an hour.▪ The Lincoln Welding Motorsports Night will be held April 2nd in 2009. Dick West is working on getting cars for display. More signage pointing the way to the demonstrations is needed. More media coverage is also needed.▪ The American Welding Society was thanked for their \$3,000 donation to the Don Leonhardt Welding Scholarship as was Specweld who donated \$500. Student John Racick was this year's recipient. As the fund grows, more scholarships will be awarded.
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Veronica Miller, Findlay instructor, reported there are 39 students enrolled in Welding OEOE courses this fall compared	

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	<p>to 73 last spring. The lab is open 12 hours a week at 4 hour intervals, usually one morning, one weekend, and two evenings. The classroom and lab are in the same area. She can stand in one spot and see what each one of the students are doing. Clear curtains on the booths makes it possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bob Williams and Charlie Stewart reported on former students and the great opportunities of which they are taking advantage.	
Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Student could not attend.	
Outcomes Assessment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The student learning and assessment report from June 30, 2008, was distributed to advisory members.▪ The operational plan for continuous improvement of the program was also distributed.	Advisory members should review both the Outcomes Assessment report and Operational Plan and get comments to Jim Gilmore.
Outcomes Competency Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The committee also reviewed and approved the program competencies in conjunction with the outcomes assessment report.	
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Heidelberg, a manufacturer of printing presses in Kentucky, has contacted Jim Gilmore about putting students in an apprenticeship at their location.	
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The current welding labs are filled to capacity.• With the purchase of Penta, the program will have more space. The Penta building has both classroom and lab space. There are currently 16 booths with plenty of room to expand. There is a gated building with room to keep materials. The sooner the space is available, the sooner the program can be expanded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 new Lincoln 375 welding units and 10 new MIG set-ups have been submitted for purchase with capital equipment funds.• A robotic welding cell and CNC welding plasma table will also be requested as part of the operational plan.
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The program will be seeking NAIT re-accreditation with a visit scheduled for spring 2009.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The program continues to maintain NAIT and HLC accreditation.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Welding Advisory Committee has been nominated as one of the best advisory committees at Owens. Members were encouraged to attend the Community Appreciation Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on October 10.▪ Scott Killy, Coordinator, Skilled Trades/Apprenticeship Programs at Owens stated this is the first time he has attended this advisory meeting and he was very impressed. The SKT apprenticeship programs have been moved under the School of Technology and he is looking forward to working with the Industrial Operations and Manufacturing Technology Department. The duplicate programs will be consolidated making it less confusing for students.▪ The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All advisory members were thanked for their continued help and support of the program.▪ Tony Duris and Mike Rogers were thanked for their involvement with the AWS Golf Outing which lead to the proceeds for the scholarship donation.▪ Jim Gilmore, Tony Duris and Jeff Cremeen were thanked in getting the cohort started.

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