

Owens Community College

Manufacturing Technology – Welding Advisory Meeting

Date: October 14, 2005

Location: Café Marie – Perrysburg Ohio

Industrial Attendees: Dick West, Terry Lowe, Terry Katschke, Jason Keys, Mark Scalese, Phillip Pietras, Tom Slandziki, & Gary Beale

Student Attendees: None

Owens Attendees: James L. Gilmore, Greg Morgan, Charles Stewart, Bob Woda, Tony Duris

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 8:05 AM.Greg Morgan was introduced as the new lab technician, and Tony Duris was welcomed as a guest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were distributed, read and approved by all present.
Enrollment and Retention Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Overall there was a slight decline in enrollment this semester in the school of Technology.30 Sections running with an average class size of about 9 students.Phillip Pietras asked is there was a way to find out which companies are sending students through the program in order to target market more advertising to those companies.Most students are seeking welding certificates. Few follow through for a degree.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The economy of the area is still stagnant. Companies are not taking advantage of the slow times to upgrade worker skills. Many are now relying on students getting some of those skills on their own. Therefore there is a drop in corporate investment in training.Jim has developed a survey that was sent out asking some of these questions. Although response has been light, he is getting a few good indications and feedback about training initiatives and needs in local manufacturing companies.
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Charles indicated that the program was producing high quality students with certifications that will help them in their careers.Charles reported that there would be an unveiling on November 1st of the herons that he, Bob Williams, and several students worked on last spring and summer. The unveiling will be held at Northstar Steel in Delta at the wetlands located adjacent to the facility. Faculty, Administration, Students and the	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Full time and part time faculty to review the current curriculum and see if there is room for adjustment. As many of the processes that the college teaches are still commonly used in the area in which we serve, the curriculum is well received. It may be best to create new “elective” courses for additional certifications or degree concentrations.

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Faculty Report (Continued)	<p>community will be in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charles reported on the curriculum and the need to update some of the syllabi and task lists to reflect new processes. Tony Duris and Greg Morgan reinforced Charles' comments. 	
Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nothing to report at this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student was unable to attend meeting.
Outcomes Assessment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was mentioned in brief that Outcomes Assessment is in the process of being revamped this year in order to streamline the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jim Gilmore, Charles Stewart, Bob Williams, & Greg Morgan are working towards streamlining the Outcomes Assessment Process in the Program.
Outcomes Competency Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outcomes Competencies have been modified in order to more accurately reflect the content of the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee discussed and verified the competencies.
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dick West would like to put on a ceramic backing class in January of 06. This would be a one evening seminar held at Owens to cover the ceramic backing process. ▪ Terry Lowe indicated that he has acquired some equipment for Non-Destructive Testing (NDT). If Owens is interested in pursuing NDT, he could help provide materials and instruction. He indicated that NDT will become a more relevant part of welding in the Northwest Ohio area in the near future as Nuclear Power and the anticipation of new refineries is on the horizon once again. Tony Duris indicated he would also be interested in NDT. ▪ Charles indicated that they would like to put together a Flux Core / Advanced Welding Processes class together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When Mr. West has a firm date, Jim Gilmore and Greg Morgan will make arrangements to hold the course in the welding lab. ▪ Charles Stewart and Robert Williams are brainstorming ideas on Flux Core, Exotic Metals, as well as Advanced Welding Processes for new classes to add to the curriculum. ▪ NDT will be discussed at the next departmental meeting on October 20, 2005.

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Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jim Gilmore and the instructors in the program commended Greg Morgan on the work he has done in the welding lab.▪ Greg indicated a need to replace 2-3 power sources in the lab as they are becoming venerable. There are newer supplies out there that are multi-purpose that would make changeovers from ferrous to non-ferrous applications easier.▪ Greg also indicated a need for an Iron Worker for the lab in order to provide students with additional knowledge and experience in fabrication. Moreover, the equipment would be used for small shearing, punching, and cutting requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Power Supplies and the Iron Worker will be added to the Capital equipment list to be submitted to the administration. Greg will look for the specifications and acquire quotations for the equipment once funding is secured.▪ If funding is not secured through capitol equipment funding, the program will look at funding the purchases through lab fees.
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The NAIT Board of accreditation will be voting on our accreditation status in November.	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lincoln Motor Sports Night will be April 6, 2006.▪ Dick West will be sending out flyers for the AWS Old Tymers Night once all of the arrangements have been finalized. This years event will be in May of 2006.▪ During Spring break (March 2006) Terry Lowe will be holding a CWI class here at Owens.▪ The Don Leonhardt Golf Outing sponsored by the AWS will be held in July of 2006. Terry Lowe is making arrangements for the outing and looking for help.▪ The AWS show is November 10, 2005 in Chicago.▪ By Laws for the Committee were approved.▪ Officers were named for 2006.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jim Gilmore to get with marketing and public relations to get the flyer template ready as well as signs for the attendees of the Lincoln Motor sports Night Event.▪ Jim Gilmore to put the word out about the CWI class coming up during Spring Break. He will coordinate with Terry Lowe.▪ Mark Scaloese volunteered to assist Terry in recruiting. for the Golf Outing this year by soliciting for donations and participants. Owens will sponsor a hole as well as put a team together for the outing.▪ Dick West Named as Chairman▪ Terry Lowe named as Vice Chairman.▪ Bob Woda named as Secretary.