

Owens Community College

Welding Technology Advisory Meeting

Date: November 14, 2013

Location: Honey Diner, Walbridge, Ohio

Industrial Attendees: Larry Blake, Roy Martinez, Greg Morgan, Aaron Oyster, Mike Rogers, Mark Scalise, John Sliwinski, Dick West

Student Attendees: Brent Bences, Caleb Siebenaler

Owens Attendees: Bill Antoszewski, Denise Brehmer, Tony Duris, Kristen Rothfeld, Randy Wharton, Bob Williams

Topic	Discussion/Rationale	Recommendation/Decision/Action
Call to Order and Review of Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by program Chair, Bill Antoszewski. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes of the spring 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.
Enrollment and Retention Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are 191 students in the program -- down 31 students from last fall. This is a 14% decline that is in-line with Owens as a whole. ▪ Retention is below the College-wide average. This means students are probably taking a few classes, then getting a job and leaving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The decrease in enrollment is not a concern as this seems to be the trend across most programs. ▪ There are plenty of job opportunities for graduates. ▪ Previously, the advisors for the School of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) were primarily part-time. As of July 1, there are now four full-time advisors dedicated solely for STEM students.
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bob Williams reported that things are going okay. He felt the drop in enrollment could be due to a number of classes that were cancelled and not put back on the schedule. ▪ Tony Duris felt that the drop in enrollment could partly be due to Charlie Stewart retiring and not hiring someone full-time to take his place. ▪ Tony Duris and adjunct Brian Schwab are taking six students to Fabtech in Chicago for one day of the four-day event. The AWS student chapter is covering the cost for this trip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bill Antoszewski inquired about Owens becoming a certified testing facility as it was in the minutes as being discussed at the previous meeting. After some discussion it was determined that the expense was not worth it for the amount of value that would be added to the program. ▪ The Design and Welding Department is investigating offering a Boy Scout event possibly for 4-5 hours on a Saturday. Mike Rogers is willing to donate and fabricate the material and Mark Scalise said that OE Meyer would be happy to participate.
Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Brent Bences is a part-time student and a student worker who has one semester left before he graduates. He is happy with the Welding program and the faculty. ▪ Student Caleb Siebenaler is in his first semester at Owens, after completing the Penta program. There are students having issues with the cables in the welding booths not being long enough to reach what needs to be welded. He thinks the welding tables need to be replaced. Caleb was also concerned about students that come to class under the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Brent Bences feels a motor generator welder, a large bench grinder, and a belt sander are needed in the lab. ▪ Greg Morgan reported that they are aware of the problems with the cables and tables and are exploring solutions. Replacing the cables will be very expensive. The flip-top tables are only a year old and were fabricated to give room in the booth for both the student and instructor.

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	<p>influence of something being a safety issue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair Bill Antoszewski stated that instructors are well within their rights to ask students to leave the class, if they feel the student cannot safely operate the equipment.
Outcomes Assessment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members were provided with a copy of the 2012-2013 Assessment Plan and Findings Report generated from information put into TaskStream. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More specific evidence needs to be provided to support the outcomes.
Outcomes Competency Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members in attendance had an opportunity to review the report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anyone having additions or corrections to the outcomes should let Bill Antoszewski know.
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OBR wants to see students get through school and out into the workplace as quickly and cheaply as possible by cutting back program requirements to a maximum of 60 credit hours. The Welding program was originally 69 credit hours, is currently 66 credit hours. ▪ The State of Ohio wants consistency in programs across the state by going to Career Transfer Assurance Guides (CTAG). The State will become the clearinghouse for the courses that will transfer from high schools to any community college in the state. There will be no agreement between the high school and the college as the credits for the approved courses will automatically transfer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dropping the Composition II class along with the technical elective would bring the total credit hours to 60. A draft copy of the adjusted curriculum was provided to advisory members. ▪ EET 130 that primarily deals with the inner workings of the computer was replaced with IST 131 that contains needed Microsoft Word applications. ▪ A handout was distributed that shows the Owens core Welding courses and the CTAG courses. A number of the Welding courses will need to be adjusted to conform to CTAG. That will be done within the next few years.
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair Bill Antoszewski is investigating whether purchasing gas cylinders is more feasible than renting them. ▪ Chair Bill Antoszewski is also looking into adopting the AWS SENSE educational program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair Bill Antoszewski will be pursuing Perkins Grant funds for purchase of plasma cutting tables. If that works out, funds could be sought for a CNC plasma cutter in the future.
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most of the School of Technology programs are accredited by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering or ATMAE through 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student collections will be gathered during the fall of 2013 and spring of 2014 for the spring 2015 visit.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lincoln Motorsports Welding Night will be Thursday, April 3 from 6-9 p.m. ▪ The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advisory members were thanked for their input and comments. ▪ Employers with available positions or internships for students should contact Bill Antoszewski at 567-661-2880.