

Owens Community College

Caterpillar Advisory Meeting

Date: February 9, 2009

Location: Ground Round, Maumee, Ohio

Industrial Attendees: Dennis Fawcett, Sonja Metzler, Tracie Kirk, Yvonne Boyer, Jeff Lafebvre, Kenny Mercer

Student Attendees: None

Owens Attendees: Randy Rubley, Gerald Marko, Tracy Campbell, Sherri DeCant, Colin Binkley

Topic	Discussion/Rationale	Recommendation/Decision/Action
Call to Order and Review of Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty was unable to attend Randy Rubley called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. 	
Enrollment and Retention Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the current state of affairs, the enrollment cut off can be extended. • Verified the following students to be enrolled for Fall 2009: MI-4; OH-0; MAC-2(2 Indy: 1 Truck Shop, 1 Heavy Equipment) • Randy discussed the possibility of adding a couple non-sponsored students into the program for this Fall if this is going to be a one-time low enrollment period. Discussed what could be used for the credits for the work experience portion (i.e. local truck shop work experience, TEPS, coursework in place of experience). • Tracy stated that the other ThinkBig schools are experiencing the same enrollment issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis stated that they could possibly add two additional students. • Verified by Kenny, Sonja and Dennis • Everyone was in agreement that this would be a good idea; to possibly have a student in the future that they could hire if the economic situation improves and they have a need. Tracy/Randy will check with Steve Hitch to see if this is acceptable. • Dealers will let college know of potential non-sponsored students for the program.
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Rubley discussed changing the Machine Specific Class to have the students do a detailed report on specific machine and then also present to the class. There are some benefits to report writing including, the research and depth of knowledge the student could learn. Randy also stated that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealers were supportive of the idea. Curiosity as to whether the student will learn better/more and whether test scores would improve. • Randy will check with Steve Hitch regarding the curriculum change.

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	<p>this would be less of an effort on the dealers to provide equipment for the spring class which has been a difficulty in the past. Randy stated that he has had discussion with Jerry, a mentor in Cleveland, regarding this and he feels the diagnostics should go with each specific class and that the current curriculum is flawed here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In continuation of discussion, Jerry Marko feels that the student is going to gain more knowledge in learning the pathways to getting the information and more in-depth information than just diagnosing the equipment. 	
Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student was unable to attend. 	
Outcomes Assessment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report was submitted to the SLAC committee. 	
Outcomes Competency Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The competencies are aligned with the eight NATEF standards. 	
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy asked that plans be put together for the Factory Trip/Tour, request came earlier. Questions were raised regarding funding. • Randy stated that we are willing and able to assist in training as CAT is getting into the trucking industry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone will check into the possibility for funding for the trip and report to Tracy. • Tracy stated that we are willing to do training at a satellite facility in needed.
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment needed for March: D6 or D7R, C-series loader and C-series track machine. • Equipment needed for the Failure Analysis. Randy thanked those that have donated equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis will supply the D6. • Dealers will check into the availability of equipment.
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAIT will be at Owens on April 15-17 for the on site visit. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy inquired about graduation banquet and whether the dealers were going to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone agreed that there would be no changes to the graduation banquet.

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	<p>support this as they have in the past due to economic situations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracy concluded the meeting and thanked everyone for their support and involvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The banquet will be held on May 8 at 12:00 noon.• MacAllister will look into possible speakers.• Randy will get names and coat sizes to Sonja upon sophomore return.
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