

Owens Community College

Manufacturing Technology – Welding Advisory Meeting

Date: February 24, 2006

Location: The Toledo Zoo, Toledo, Ohio

Industrial Attendees: Gary Beale, Larry Blake, Terry Lowe, Roy Martinez, Tony McKinnon, Greg Morgan, Phillip Pietras, Mark Scalise, Tom Slandzicki

Student Attendees: None

Owens Attendees: Mark Durivage, James L. Gilmore, Greg Morgan, Charles Stewart, Bob Williams, Bob Woda, Tony Duris; Advisor: Don Standish

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 8:20 a.m. by Chairman Dick West. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes were distributed, read and approved by all present. ▪ Members were all in agreement to hold future meetings at the zoo.
Enrollment and Retention Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Welding program enrollment was down one student from last spring and the certificate program was down 23 students. ▪ There are just as many sections running this semester with just as many students as there have been in the past. ▪ A huge recruiting event this past week saw a good number of students come through the welding lab. ▪ Program image and lack of advertising could be a big factor in lower enrollments. ▪ Most of the advertising for Owens is determined by Marketing and Public Relations (TV commercials, billboards, etc.) and are focused on the College as a whole. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The slump in the economy is improving. Jim is getting calls every day for workers. ▪ The School of Technology needs its own advising and sales staff in order to be successful. ▪ Dean Mark Durivage is in discussions with Marketing and Public Relations regarding improved advertising for School of Technology programs. ▪ Suggestion was made to have mylar stickers or magnets made up with Owens Welding Program and phone number on them. They could be put on vehicles for advertising. ▪ When new trailers are received for the truck driving program, the School of Technology and phone number will be put on the side of them.
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bob Woda reported that Dick West and Larry Blake did a great job on the ceramic backing class. The program now has boxes of ceramics that can be shown to students. The number of students attending this class was low. ▪ Tony Duris stated that there is so much information in the 262 class that another class could be developed. One would cover entry level and the second class would be an advanced class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next ceramic backing class will be better coordinated and will be offered on a night that a MIG class is running . ▪ Bob Woda felt it was important to include a demonstration of back up rings in his class, so students have some idea what they are.
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.

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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"> ▪ See Faculty Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A touch start TIG welding class will be offered in the fall on a night that a TIG class is running. Dick West will get with Bob and Charlie to decide when to offer it.
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greg Morgan reported that the lab is running well this semester. A number of power supplies need to be replaced. ▪ A number of people in industry are donating materials. Williams Industrial Service donated a couple thousand dollars worth of ½” plate steel that will be used to replace the welding tables. Dan Wedding, EET instructor, has donated a 1” thick, 8 x 12 layout table. ▪ The Grants Office was contacted to see if any grant money would be available to purchase equipment. Unfortunately, most grant money is earmarked for curriculum development and enhancement, not equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A replacement rotation plan needs to be developed to update power supplies in the lab. ▪ A list of needed equipment is being created for the next round of capital funds. ▪ Any members with ideas on ways to replace lab equipment should let Greg know.
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not discussed. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A draft of the Lincoln Motorsports night flyer was distributed. The event is scheduled for April 6, 2006. ▪ There was some discussion on broadening the event and changing its name. ▪ Ways to increase attendance at the event was also discussed. For a small fee, an advertisement about the event could be put into the classifieds under classic cars and in the Blade’s calendar of events. ▪ Mark Scalise mentioned that Lincoln Welding has a large demonstration truck that could be brought out for the evening. ▪ The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was suggested to have “Free Admission” added to the flyer. Jim will make the change and have the flyer reproduced. Let Jim know if you want extra flyers. ▪ Members present did not think changing the name of the event would have any benefit. ▪ Vendors will be invited to set up booths at the event and demonstrations will be done. ▪ Committee by-laws were reviewed and adopted.