

Owens Community College

Manufacturing Technology – Welding Advisory Meeting

Date: March 23, 2010

Location: Industrial and Engineering Technologies, Room 130

Industrial Attendees: Larry Blake, Aaron Oyster, Phillip Pietras, Mike Rogers, Mark Scalise, Dick West

Student Attendees: Chris Lautermilch

Owens Attendees: James Gilmore, Greg Morgan, Randy Wharton, Bob Williams

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 9:15 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 6 students from last spring to a total of 163 declared students. ▪ The regular Welding certificate enrollment is down 6 students to a total of 44. ▪ The GMAW certificate has 1 student; the GTAW certificate does not have any students; and the SMAW certificate has 2 students enrolled. ▪ The discontinued Welding Option has 4 students finishing up. ▪ A sheet showing all the class sections running this semester and the number of students in each was distributed. 554 seats are being occupied on the Toledo Campus. The Findlay Campus has about 130 seats filled. ▪ The program currently has three full-time and 16 part-time instructors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lincoln Welding Motorsports Night will be April 7th. Dick West reported that there will be 32 cars on display. A notice will be in the racing papers within the next two weeks and press releases are going out this week. Owens will be putting out releases in multiple publications as well. There will be two speakers for this year's event. Flyers were available for advisory members to take with them to pass out. Lincoln Electric will give away auto-darkening welding helmets to 5 participants with the highest scores on the virtual reality welder. ▪ The Don Leonhard Golf Outing is scheduled for July 8th. Those who pay for the tournament will get 4 rounds free. Mike Rogers is looking for door prizes, hole sponsors, and golfers.
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charlie Stewart stated that a Codes and Procedures class and a Machine Maintenance class that were previously required in the program were dropped in an effort to reduce the number of required hours for the program. He feels both are important and should be put back into the curriculum. ▪ Bob Williams reported that it is nice teaching in the new lab. It is clean, bright, and the air is clean. There is still a lot to be done – a number of machines need to be hooked up and offices are not completely moved as yet. ▪ Greg Morgan reported that the air system is phenomenal. Plasma cutters are being investigated for purchase. The 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Welding curriculum will be reviewed for changes. Any suggestions or comments from advisory members are welcomed. ▪ Fabrication may need to be added to student outcomes.

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	<p>program will need to adapt to newer technology (laser welding, robotic welding, etc.) in the future.</p>	
Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chris Lautermilch, welding student and student worker, is a non-traditional student. He started out at Ohio University in business sales. When the company changed hands he went back to school for massage therapy and opened his own business for ten years. His neighbor who is a boilermaker talked to him about welding so he took the cohort classes thinking he could get a job when he was done. He is now in the traditional classes and progressing at a fairly reasonable rate. He has applied for a couple of positions and is waiting to hear. Everything in the programs seems to be running smoothly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welding students are pleased with the Welding building and the equipment. • Student Chris Lautermilch believes the codes and procedures class and the machine maintenance class should be put back into the curriculum.
Outcomes Assessment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The student learning and assessment report was distributed to advisory members at a previous meeting. ▪ The operational plan for continuous improvement of the program was also distributed at a previous meeting. It lists the goals and actions steps to achieve those goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jim Gilmore is working on the new report and will present it when it is completed.
Outcomes Competency Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee reviewed and approved the program competencies in conjunction with the outcomes assessment report at a previous meeting. 	
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See Faculty Report. ▪ Spec Weld offered a CWI Pre-Certification class during spring break week. Adjunct Jason Karamol passed the CWI on his first try. Art Kennedy attended the refresher and will test later. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Welding Codes and Procedures course will be put on the fall schedule to see how it goes.
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tony Duris was hired full-time and started in January. ▪ Additional evening staffing will be needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program is looking forward to increased enrollment in the upcoming year due to the renovations of the Welding Center. ▪ The Committee recommended looking into an additional lab technician.
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All of the School of Technology programs are accredited by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering or ATMAE (formerly known as NAIT). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The program continues to maintain ATMAE and HLC accreditation.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bob William’s response to an article about educating welders was published in the Welding Journal. ▪ The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All advisory members were thanked for their continued help and support of the program.