

Owens Community College

Welding Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: May 1, 2015

Location: Industrial and Engineering Technologies Building, Room 130

Industrial Attendees: Larry Blake, Aaron Oyster, Mark Scalise, John Sliwinski

Student Attendees: Tim Marsiniak, Derek Meller

Owens Attendees: Tony Duris, Ben Frazier, Terry Katschke, Jacey Parks, Tom Perin, Glenn Rettig, Meghan Schmidbauer

| Topic | Discussion/Rationale | Recommendation/Decision/Action |
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| Welcome and Introductions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. • Tom Perin, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, was in attendance representing the President's Office. He thanked the advisory members for their valuable input as this is how programs are made better. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made. • Minutes from the spring meeting were reviewed and approved. |
| Enrollment and Retention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 28 sections running in Toledo this semester with 264 students enrolled. There are 11 sections running in Findlay this semester with 57 students enrolled. Some of these students could be taking multiple classes, and some are being enrolled from other programs. • There are 75 Toledo students that have declared Welding as their major. This number is down 29 students or 27.9% from last year. • There are 11 Findlay majors, down 8 students or 42.1% from last year. • Meghan Schmidbauer was in attendance to give an overview of what the College is doing to promote programs at the high schools. Recruiters maintain office hours on a regular schedule at a number of the feeder schools. High school recruiting is not like it was in the past – time is limited due to snow days and testing days. Enrollment Services visits 65-70 high schools per year. • Non-traditional students are considered to be students who have earned a GED or has graduated from high school more than 365 days. The Owens rep for non-traditional students has set up times to meet with people at the Lucas County Library. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to concentrate on all the programs across the College. Commercials cannot advertise all the programs in a 60 second commercial. Word of mouth is the best advertising, so spread the word. • A new Owens web site will be rolled out in July. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are a number of recruiting events and activities that take place, such as registration rocks, open house, and preview days. Dual enrollment and articulation agreements are also enticing to high school graduates. ▪ It was put into the dual enrollment agreements that the College and/or community partners can come into those classrooms to talk to the students. • Program specific information pamphlets need to be developed and circulated. • The Owens Open House is scheduled for June 24th. |
| Faculty Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Tony Duris reported that a week-long CWI training session through AWS was run in April and taught by advisory member Terry Lowe of Spec Weld Industries. Terry wants Tony to take over this training in the future. • The Material Science lab has a tensile tester, Sharpie tester | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Duris will be investigating what has to be done to make Owens a AWS certified testing center. May not be able to do it right away as it is expensive, but it would be value added to the Welding degree. • Consideration is being given to sending lab technician |

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| | <p>and equipment for non-destructive testing that could be utilized in Welding courses.</p> | <p>Ben Frazier to the Lincoln Electric Machine Maintenance class. Ben would then be able to teach the Owens machine maintenance class that is on the books but hasn't run in a number of years.</p> |
| Student Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Tim Marciniak had absolutely no trades knowledge before he came to Owens. After a few months, he is opening up machines and fixing them if they don't work. His experience has been very good and he is learning a lot. • Student Derek Meller did not have any trades knowledge when he came to Owens either and has also learned a lot. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Tim Meller highly recommends the Welding program. • Neither student could think of anything that needed improvement. |
| Outcomes Assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Katschke thanked advisory members for their responses for changes to the program outcomes given to them at the fall meeting. Outcomes were generalized and consolidated from 5 outcomes to 4. • Consistency on how the instructor decides if the student meets the rubric was discussed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outcome regarding work ethic and homework completion was added. • Rubrics for the rubrics were suggested so that all instructors have a standard for evaluation. • Advisory members were asked to review the newer outcomes and get comments and/or suggestions to Terry Katschke. |
| Program and Curriculum Enhancements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple seven week classes have run, but they weren't as popular as thought. • The Department is working with Workforce & Community Services to offer a 90 hour, 3-week certificate. MIG will be offered in fall 2015. The SMAW and TIG certificates in this format will be offered after the MIG. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory members were asked to jot down a few short term goals for the Welding program and how those goals might be accomplished and return them to Terry Katschke. |
| Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Katschke is working with Tony Duris and Ben Frazier to get the equipment on a rotation schedule for replacement. | |
| Accreditation Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleven degrees were reviewed by ATMAE in April. • Nine degrees will be recommended for six year re-accreditations with a report in two years in regards to employer and graduate surveys. Two discontinued programs were granted one-year extensions until the programs are done. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official accreditation status will be received after the ATMAE Board meets in November at the annual convention. |
| Open Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a brief discussion on completion points the College is awarded by the state. • The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. • Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions were filled as follows: Chair – Terry Lowe; Vice-Chair – Mark Scalise | |