

# Owens Community College

## Manufacturing Technology – Welding Advisory Meeting

Date: November 6, 2009

Location: Charlie's Restaurant, Perrysburg, Ohio

Industrial Attendees: Larry Blake, Randy Fragner, Terry Lowe, Aaron Oyster, Phillip Pietras, Mark Scalise, Dick West

Student Attendees: None

Owens Attendees: James Gilmore, Charles Stewart, Bob Williams; Advisor- Janice Skaggs

Topic	Discussion/Rationale	Recommendation/Decision/Action
Call to Order and Review of Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Dick West.</li> <li>▪ Minutes are posted on the Owens web site at <a href="http://www.Owens.edu">www.Owens.edu</a>, under Academic Programs, School of Technology, Programs, Welding Technology, Advisory Committee, Minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minutes were distributed, reviewed and approved.</li> </ul>
Enrollment and Retention Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Based on the 14<sup>th</sup> day enrollment reports, the Welding program is up 32 students to a total of 159 declared students which is a 25.2% increase.</li> <li>▪ The regular Welding certificate enrollment was down 5 students for a total of 54.</li> <li>▪ A list of all the class sections running this semester with the number of students in each was distributed. There are 625 students in the 55 Welding course sections running this fall.</li> <li>▪ Jim Gilmore stated there is a misrepresentation of the number of students declaring Welding as their major. He believes there are closer to 225 students. Faculty should be asking students at the beginning of each semester if they are declaring the right major. Curriculum changes may cause those not declaring the right major to repeat coursework or take additional coursework before they graduate.</li> <li>▪ Lincoln Motorsports Welding Night will be April 1, 2010.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Janice Skaggs and Patrick Gill are Title III grant funded Success Mentors who now have offices in the School of Technology. They are advisors plus – they help students with whatever school-related problems they might have. Both Janice and Patrick would like to visit classes to introduce themselves and inform students of their services.</li> <li>▪ Jim Gilmore reported that the growth in the Welding program is tremendous. It has been a very challenging semester and everyone in the program has stepped-up to make it work.</li> <li>▪ The Findlay Welding program has also seen growth. Another part-time instructor has been hired to help with the volume.</li> </ul>
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Charlie Stewart reported that the AWS President was given a tour of the Owens facility and spoke to the students regarding AWS membership.</li> <li>▪ A representative from the Boilermakers came in and talked to the students. Charlie hopes the Pipefitters will come in and do the same.</li> <li>▪ Charlie Stewart has met with the Owens Center for Workforce and Community Services and was informed that apprentices can continue on and achieve an associate degree in Welding.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Unger wants to meet to discuss the possibility of a Welding Institute.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An article regarding the Owens Welding program will be submitted to The Journal in the near future.</li> <li>▪ The possibility of offering a Friday afternoon Welding lab was discussed. This would give students time to focus on different processes.</li> <li>▪ Owens declined becoming an AWS test site because there was not enough return on it. Companies usually want to test their employees themselves due to being responsible for the work their employees do.</li> </ul>

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Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The student was unable to attend the meeting.</li> </ul>	
Outcomes Assessment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The student learning and assessment report was distributed to advisory members at a previous meeting. Jim Gilmore is working on the new report and will present it at the spring meeting.</li> <li>▪ The operational plan for continuous improvement of the program was also distributed at the previous meeting. It lists the goals and actions steps to achieve those goals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advisory members should review both the Outcomes Assessment report and Operational Plan and get comments to Jim Gilmore.</li> </ul>
Outcomes Competency Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The committee reviewed and approved the program competencies in conjunction with the outcomes assessment report at a previous meeting.</li> </ul>	
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jim Gilmore asked if it would be feasible to have one day per semester where students come in to take a weld test to determine what class they should be placed in. The skill level they believe they have and what they actually possess are usually quite different. This would assure they are being put into the right class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Charlie Stewart asked members to call him if they had a welding related problem that two or three of the welding students could spend some time figuring out. This would be a nice opportunity for the students to get hands-on experience outside the lab.</li> </ul>
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three co-horts are being run out of the old Penta facility. The administration came up with \$100,000 in grant money to buy the equipment. Classes are being run out of both labs right now. Eventually, all classes will move over to the Penta building. The remainder of the building has to be prepped and equipment installed.</li> <li>• Bob Williams reported that the brick was donated and the Penta students put them up for the current lab, so maybe that could be done again in the Penta building.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Gilmore will give a tour of the old Penta facility to anyone interested after the meeting. All feedback is welcome.</li> <li>• Approval has been received to hire another full-time faculty member.</li> </ul>
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The entire College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.</li> <li>▪ All of the School of Technology programs are or will soon be accredited by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering or ATMAE (formerly known as NAIT).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The program continues to maintain ATMAE and HLC accreditation.</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All advisory members were thanked for their continued help and support of the program.</li> </ul>