

Industrial Maintenance and Operations Advisory Council

Working Lunch

Thursday, October 13, 2011

11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

NPC Nizhoni Room #142

2251 Navajo Blvd., Holbrook, Arizona

Attendees: Paul Clark, Peggy Belknap, Liz Flake, Rose Jaquez, Jason Martineau, Koren Whitmire, Todd White, Ernie Wakefield, Bob Martineau, Hugh Moulton, Teri Neff, Kim Finch, Von Stradling, Lisa Aragon, Kenny Keith.

Rose opened the meeting at 11:00am with welcome and introductions.

There was some discussion about the program. It was mentioned that the Industrial Maintenance Program has been around since 2000. The degree plan was established in 2001. The business and industry program and ITP were started at the same time under the leadership of Gary Passer and Peggy Belknap.

The minutes of March 3, 2011 were reviewed. Only comments were the last name of Rose Jaquez be corrected and the correction of APS E&I apprenticeship being 7 and not 5.

Kenny Keith discussed the success of both open houses at APS and SRP last spring. By having the open house at the Coronado Generating Plant, the IMO Navit program has 9 students and 2 adult students participating in the morning class. Kenny thanked everyone for their help with the open houses. Kenny stated that he would like to have a similar open house in Page, Arizona for the IMO program that has been approved there. Von mentioned that there will be another open house this coming Spring. Rose stated the need for outreach programs to meet EEOC compliance with the loss of minority and female employees.

Kenny told the group that the IMO program has received about \$53,000 for electrical and instrument equipment, lab aide, and OSHA training from the Carl Perkins Grant for 2011-2012.

Kenny reviewed the enrollment for all courses for this semester. There is a positive trend for more completers of all the courses both in operations and maintenance. It is exciting to know that the electrical and instrumentation courses are full.

There was some discussion concerning lab sizes. All instructors are comfortable with lab sizes at 15 for operation labs and 10 for maintenance labs.

Kenny stated for the record that the NCCER testing site is still a priority with the addition of two NPC skill Centers coming in the future. Peggy brought to everyone's attention that the college had not been awarded two critical and needed grants. The first was the Title 3 grant and the second was the IBEST grant. The only Arizona college that received the

IBEST grant was Rio Salado.

Peggy said the process of obtaining Carl Perkins is getting more difficult and complex. There was discussion of how a completer is defined. It is a student who receives an AAS degree, a certificate of proficiency, or a NCCER certificate.

Rose wants to form a sub-committee to look into this issue. Volunteers are Bob Martineau, Teri Neff, Hugh Moulton and Lisa Aragon.

Peggy noted that Department of Education had dropped the Tech Prep Program as of December. Rose asked if we should get in touch of our legislators and who they were. Peggy said to contact Chester Crandall. Lisa said the requirements had changed and the release of funds would not take place until the new requirements were met.

There was discussion about how to get students to apply for the certificate of proficiency. Peggy said there is something in the works with Student Services to track when a student has completed all courses for a certificate of proficiency, etc. The new Jenzabar System would help automate this process.

Kenny clarified that Facility Agreements were effective at both Lab Sites.

There was discussion concerning the need of setting up an IMO 199 course for aptitude testing, completing a resume and application, and mock interviews. Teri Neff stated that DES provides workshops. Koren said there is a need for completing resumes correctly. All agreed there is a need and workshops may be a better approach than a course. Rose stated the need to add this to the tickler file for further review in the Spring. Kenny will work on this for the next meeting.

APS and NPC are working on a Boilermaker course. The first meeting is tomorrow morning at 7.

Industry Updates

Garry Stevens with Snowflake White Mountain Power was absent but noted they were on an outage.

Lisa Aragon stated in behalf of Matt Weber to keep in mind a Career Day would be coming

Todd White with TEP- 12 new hires. 8 were NPC students. There are still employees retiring and will during the next 3-5 years in all areas of specialization.

Von Stradling said a new class will start soon. 4 of the new hires are former NPC students who have completed all the operation courses and the site specific. This will help bypass 8 weeks of classroom training. The new absorber will go on-line in April of 2012.

Liz Flake asked if there was any BIT opportunities.

Teri Neff- concern for NAVIT math skills. This brought up discussion from Ernie Wakefield, an IMO Adjunct faculty member and current NAVIT instructor for the need for real world practice and how to present the information to the students.

Peggy Belknap informed the group that the Construction Trades Program would be returning with a new focus of green technology and hiring a new faculty member to develop this program. She also mentioned that there is a Law Enforcement Program in the works with Navajo county.

Koren Whitmere stressed the importance of job shadowing and how it takes time, patience, and a lot of hard work to get on with the major power companies.

Discussion/Action Items

Rose asked everyone to rank the top choices of Coal handling courses. The coal handling would replace the IMO 211 distillation track.

Kenny will send out a new advisory committee list to make sure we have everyone.

Rose stated that APC/Cholla would host the next meeting to be held on February 14, 2012 at 11:00am.

Adjourned at 1:10