

Northland Pioneer College Welding advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
12/3/08 7pm -8:30 pm

Attendees :

Randy Hoskins, Full Time NPC Faculty
Dale Rencher, JL Steel
Gibbs Dike, Adjunct faculty, Perkins Cinders
Douglas Gillespie, Alumni
Val Bauman, Alumni, Adjunct faculty
Malcolm Webb, Alumni
Rick Ryan, Tucson Electric Power Pipe fitter
Ron Squire, Carl Perkins Grant coordinator
Howard Noble, Adjunct Faculty
Woody Carasco, Alumni
Patrick Meza, Lab Aide, alumni
Raymond Deskins, pipefitter

- Randy opened the meeting with introductions and a brief overview of the NPC / NAVIT welding program. And the affiliations with NCCER and AWS.
- Ron Squire reviewed the guidelines for Perkins funding, Ron advised the committee that Perkins supported the Show Low shop in new equipment purchases last year. He advised Randy to submit his request for a Plaz-Cam and a pipe bender for his shop expansion .
- The Committee reviewed the differences between the Night class and Day class. It was agreed that the programs need to become more standardized. The following suggestions were made.

#1 Delivering Theory for multiple modules

Solution The teaching staff on record lectures on the different modules that can be duplicated and reviewed by night students as needed

#2 Use team concept to teach students enrolled in same classes.

#3 Continued cross training for night instructors. Invite night instructors to sit in on day classes with pay.

- The discussion then turned to the growth plan that Don Richie had spoke about earlier in the night. It was agree that with the current economic time that an accelerated program was needed to teach Welding 152 and 153 (basic and advanced stick welding) This would help new welders pass the required bend test ,to enter employment.
- Randy discussed the need to improve donations and overall support from industry.

Some of the suggestions were to build on relationships with unions and improve the communication and recruitment, and possible donations of supplies as jobs are finishing up. Another source of donations could come from the various Tribes as many Native students are enrolled. This is an area that has not been explored. Rick Ryan from TEP suggested that his company could and would help more in the upcoming year. It was suggested that a program be put in place so that donations could be picked up in a timely manner when offered.

- New business
NAVIT program may be cut by state legislatures. Committee decided that we must adapt, and find way's to keep moving forward.
- Next Meeting
To be announced after state legislatures decision.

Adjourned 8:30 pm