

Northland Pioneer College Department of Construction
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
SCC, LC134

Jorge Meza, NPC Construction Faculty & Chair; **Peggy Belknap**, CTE Dean; **Steve Mills**, Faculty in College and Career Preparation; **Carrie Jordan**, NAVIT; **Don Fillingim**, Complete Electric

Note taker: **Pamela Dominguez**, Secretary to Dean of CTE

1. **Welcome** Jorge welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
2. **Industry**
NAVIT-Carrie mentioned NAVIT partners with high schools, charter schools, and homeschooled students that are junior and seniors; NAVIT pays for college tuition, fees, and books. NAVIT will also pay for five more credits so students can earn their AAS. Complete Electric-Don's business does 40% residential 60% commercial. They do about 30 projects in solar a year. Solar is not as in demand, because it take so long for homeowners to get their money back. Complete Electrical offers platinum, gold and silver service packages for backup generators.
3. **HLC** Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will visit the college on November 18 & 19, 2019. HLC is the college's accreditor. Peggy explained the accreditation process. HLC gives a max of ten years between visits. At the next advisory board meeting, an update will be given.
4. **Current Curriculum** Jorge reviewed the courses that NAVIT students take. Students take four construction courses per semester; students can take an additional three classes and earn their AAS in Construction. Jorge reviewed the construction books that students use. Don mentioned industry certification for scissor lifts are going to be a need; United Rental can certify. OSHA10 card is needed to go on sites. We are safety aware society so the certifications are more important. NPC Career Service's-Ben Sandoval will teach students in class how to write a resume. Don mentioned the Ideal Challenge-Electrical and the opportunities, tools, and prizes you can win. If the person wins two years in a row, they get to pick the truck they win. Jorge mentioned the SkillsUSA competition the college participates in. NCCER books have been changed, but the college can phase it in over 5-years. The new book added construction equipment and removed concrete. Instructors can add supplemental. NAVIT would like copies of all certifications students earn. NAVIT is adding certifications on to students' transcripts. CON-IET students were able to receive clothing and tools from a Del Webb grant; students also toured a KB Homes construction site.
5. **Student Success** Complete Electric has hired a couple of NPC students. Jorge mentioned some of his students have gotten hired down in the valley. Jorge mentioned one of his students got an apprenticeship with the AZ Masonry Guild. The construction program has 46 students taking various courses.
6. **Next Advisory Board Meeting** The next advisory board meeting will be in April 2020.