

WLD Advisory Committee Meeting

May 1, 2019

Building T / Fogelson Foyer

Present: Kiana Battle, Steve Brasel, Scott Ericksen, Jim Greer , Mike Guzik, Suzanne Kendryna, Jeremy Kingery, Elizabeth Osborne, Pamela Payne, Jon Perez, Ed Trop, Dave Viar, Kelly Westerlund, Amanda Young

Topic	Discussion
Meeting called to order at 6:17 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza was late, and we were waiting for it. Will interrupt meeting.
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Viar thanks everyone for coming. Dave thanks Dean Battle because she drove a long way to make it to the meeting. Introductions around the room.
Review of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes are reviewed. Jim Greer motions to accept; Steve Brasel seconds the motion. Minutes are approved.
Year in Review / High School Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave speaks about all the people that have helped out, without whom none of this would ever be possible. He says they are seeing a very good growing trend in the department. He states that they can't stress enough how much they appreciate everything. • Dave talks about the High School Welding Competition. This year, they had to eliminate one school for safety reasons. It was a very successful competition. He mentions there were students from (4) high schools. Suzanne give the figures: (40) students from Argo, Stagg, Evergreen Park and Joliet. Dave talks about Metal Supermarkets, a local business, supplied all the metal at no charge...we had to hang a sign for them; CutWeld gave a lot of stuff too. Two of the schools that participated don't even have Welding programs. Dave acknowledges Suzanne Kendryna and Michelle Cognetti are the force behind the competition, making sure everything runs well.
Year in Review / Dual Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave mentions that we ran our first fall Dual Enrollment high school program. We had (5) students, and (4) got their certificates...one had a family problem. Mike Guzik

<p>Year in Review / Dual Enrollment, con't.</p>	<p>was a big part of this. Dave says that high school students coming in to the Welding Department here is stressful, but it went very well; the feedback was great.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The counselors that came back said everything went really well. Suzanne states that we have (10) high school students interested in coming back for the upcoming fall competition. She elaborates.
<p>Year in Review / Teen Bridge Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave speaks about coming in May and again in August, we got tied in with Teen Bridge Center. Our adjunct instructor Amanda Young worked some magic and they want us to come in and do a small welding class for (20) individuals two days in May. It's all volunteer, Glen Carpenter and Clare Briner will be there. We will be involved with them (4) times in 2019. Amanda Spearman is our contact.
<p>Year in Review / Machines Lost and Gained</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are going to roll in some new business with the topic. The Glazers want (3) more classes this year, the high school program, and the classes that we added, we needed new machines, and we will be looking into Perkins grant money to do so. He continues tht the Glazers by some of the material and some of the electrodes. But the wear and tear on our equipment is extensive. Starting in the fall, we will be running classes all day and night Monday through Friday, as well as classes on Saturday and Sunday. With that being said, we are doing what we can to maintain everything; Scott Ericksen and Mike Guzik are performing maintenance on our machines, which is great. Jim and all of our adjuncts are maintaining what we have now. Steve Brasel mentions that with these programs growing exponentially, the machines have to be taking a beating. Steve talks about auto being successful in hiring a lab aide; Dave replies that we have Ed Trop in that role, as well a couple of lab aides. But that doesn't help the wear and tear on the machines. Discussion ensues.
<p>Year in Review / Adjusting MIG/TIG Room / AC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the new Glazers class coming in, we have need to adjust the MIG/TIG room, and Dave doesn't know how to go about this. Jim and Dave have talked about adding more booths; there has been talk about moving the machines around, it's very hot. Jim talks about how each machine puts out so much heat, and that room is stagnant. Dean Battle asks about modifying the space;

	<p>Dave replies they would like to increase the booth numbers, but they would have to have air conditioning. Steve asks about ventilation, and Dave replies that they have ventilation. Dean Battle mentions there are still no plans to air condition the area. Dave ends saying they will sit down with Scott and Mike and try to figure out how to get more out of what they have for the time being. Discussion ensues.</p>
<p>Year in Review / Test Supervisors (U-46) / Other Advisory Boards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jim Greer and Dave worked with Elgin and the U46 school system, and we are now their test supervisors for Hampshire and Elgin High Schools. They are both now accredited testing facilities. Amanda is a part of that too, with her non-destructive stuff. This is a really good thing for us to be involved with. In all of Illinois, there are only (5) facilities, and those are two of them. This was all thanks to Jim and his work. ● Dave talks about how he and Jim are on the U-46 Advisory Board now. Dave elaborates on the benefits of this. Took break for pizza.
<p>Year In Review / AWS Involvement, Program Promotion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are starting to be asked for more and more events to be held here at MVCC. Now that Mike Crehan and their team have been involved, everyone is much more accepting of this. We had Larry Strauss come in from the railroad association. He sparked interest in welding job. We have Enbridge coming in again, AWS, etc. It is a big positive. With all of this going on, we see more and more union backed individuals coming in; Suzanne arranges for us to speak at the Carpenter’s Union; Jim is heavily involved with the 150 Operators Union. The Unions now are coming in and asking for students. He elaborates. ● Jim mentioned also now being involved with the Pile Driver’s union, the Iron Workers Union, and Local 63, 394 out of Hammond, and Local 150. Jim states that we are on the map more than anyone else. Dave talks about the industry being so thirsty for workers. The pipefitters have already taken (6) students who will start in May. They want at least (70) apprentices this year. Dave states we are really gaining momentum in the industry. The majority of our students are likely to be very successful walking out of here. Our instructors really pride themselves on that.

<p>Year In Review / AWS Involvement, Program Promotion, con't.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dave talks about Enbridge coming in and asking if anyone can weld pipeline. Pipeline scale is \$59.85 per hour, online. Dave elaborates. Discussion ensues. ● Dave comments that our department is definitely headed in the right direction, offering the right curriculum, etc. ● Jeremy Kingery said it sounds like enrollment is pretty steady or increasing; going to back to the need for additional funding, that might be some of your leverage. You are one of the few programs that is holding steady in the face of rapidly declining enrollment, but there is also the potential for increasing enrollment. Dave states it looks like we're doing well with enrollment; trades are doing well in general. Discussion ensues. ● Jim talks about being contacted by IL Welding School and City Colleges looking for welding instructors. They are trying to take our people.
<p>New Business / New Forges, New GTAW Machines, Lab Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dave mentions that we have new forges delivered and assembled. We have (3) new TIG welding machines and a new tensile tester. The problem we are having is the free for all that the lab is every once in awhile. We have costly and best equipment, but can be very unsafe. Dave states we are more than welcome to have people come through lab, but they don't want others coming in and using our machines, referring to CCCE's use of lab. Jim mentions the saw. They really need to tighten the reigns on who is coming in and out of the lab. It has become too relaxed. Dave elaborates. Discussion ensues. ● Jim talks about protecting our good name from misrepresentation when it comes to CCCE hiring people. Dean Battle replies saying they are restricted as to what they can say because the ad does say it the CCCE side of the house. Steve mentions we are trying to make it obvious that they are not MVCC instructors. Dean Battle replies it's at the HR level now.
<p>Dave – Department Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dave announces his appointment to Department Chair as of August 2019. Applause ensue.
<p>Adjourn Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dave thanks everyone for their involvement, and speaks about the great status of the welding department at this time. He asks for a motion to adjourn. Jim Greer makes the motion; Jeremy Kingery seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

