

WLD Advisory Committee Meeting

October 12, 2022

Building T / Fogelson Foyer

Present: Alexis Cornell, Scott Ericksen, Jim Greer , Mike Guzik, Suzanne Kendryna, Frank LaMantia, Ryan McCollum, Elizabeth Osborne, Pamela Payne, Tamekia Smith, Al (Red) Tomnitz, Ed Trop, Dave Viar, Kelly Westerlund, LoShay Willis, Amanda Young, Aurora Zwick

Topic	Discussion
Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm	
Welcome and Introductions	• Introductions are done around the room. Dave thanks everyone for attending, especially Bette for all her work on meetings. Dean Willis acknowledges all the adjuncts for their efforts. She states that the program wouldn't work without them.
Review of Minutes	• Minutes followed the agenda, but we we're unable to decipher the Power Point. We will continue to try.
New Business	• Dave displays a Power Point, the first page of which show the trends over a (5) year period for spring enrollments, then summer enrollments then fall enrollments, in the program. Dave comments on the most recent spring and fall enrollments jumping up. Looking at next spring semester, it looks great too. • Dave credits Suzanne Kendryna and MACS for helping with enrollment. He talks about the Career Fairs being helpful; he mentions that he just had one at Reavis. Argo is our main feeder high school; Evergreen Park HS is good with dual enrollment and coming for our competitions. Stagg and Sandburg are coming around. • Dave mentions going to Reavis High School and trying to get them to start a welding program. They stated they have so many faculty members retiring, they're not sure how they're going to keep their current programs going. • Dave reviews the Power Point page from the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics which shows the median pay for welders, etc, for 2021 compared to 2019, and there is

	quite a jump. Dave feels these are also non-union jobs, and the union jobs pay rate is roughly double. • Dave mentions that our students graduate from MVCC with a higher than average skill level. Dave mentions the job outlook is growing at 3%. • Dave mentions that everywhere he goes to do consulting they are asking for people. They are really hurting for people in the industry. Unions are struggling to refill their apprenticeships. • Dave mentions Parker Gass, a former MVCC student. He is 20 or 21 years old and is making a substantial salary in the boilermakers union. His apprenticeship class normally has 25; this year they had 6. He is traveling already, doing great. Discussion ensues. • Dave talks about a golf outing that the American Welding Society had years ago, and we have now resurrected it, and the funds raised are used for what we have named the James E. Greer Scholarship. This was done in honor of Jim's service here and the AWS, and all he's done for everyone. This year was the second one, and we raised \$17,500 that went to AWS, and is our section's money to give to student scholarships; it is our money, and up to us to decide who the recipients are. The recipients were as follows: (4) MVCC students received \$1000 scholarships (2) Argo High School students won \$1000 scholarship (1) Evergreen Park high school student won \$1,000 scholarship Morton College also had (6) recipients. The first year we did it, AWS matched the funds, so in total we had \$60,000 for scholarships that we can award, with limitations.
	• Dave reports that we received (2) new GTAW Machines and (2) Lincoln machines through the Perkins grant.
	• Dave mentions that Professor James Greer is Chairman of B5.1 (QC-1) and voting board member for Chicago Section. Basically that means anything that comes through AWS as far as journals, books, codes, procedures, standards, Jim Greer has to sign off on. He's the who's who of Welding. • David Viar is Chairman of AWS Chicago Section, voting member of D1.1 subcommittee for qualification. This helps for MVCC students to have a voting member.

	• Dave speaks about a Trades Expo being held here at MVCC on November 4, that was previously held at a Carpenter's Hall. Suzanne Kendryna had the idea to take it on here. Suzanne states that not only welding is represented, but also electronics, pipe fitters, building engineers, bricklayer, carpenters, teamsters, glazers, electricians, local 130, boilermakers, steel workers. She's waiting to hear back from local 399, building operators and iron workers. Dave says some of those will go through Joe Adeszko. Suzanne contacted Jim Coates, he is with 399. Jim Greer will contact local 73 and 150. Discussion ensues. • Dean Willis asks if this Expo is geared towards exposure or for hiring, or for both. Suzanne replies that this is our first pilot program; originally, we were going to have it in the M Building, typically for exposure. We kept it smaller this time, just for high school students. But in the future we want to open it up to MVCC students, and community members, and gear the first half towards exposure, and the second half towards hiring, or some variation thereof. Suzanne states they wanted to host in the T building to show off the facilities. She states they wanted to get this one in the books, and then have discussion afterwards about how to handle future expos. Discussion ensues. • Pamela Payne asks that the JRC be informed about these events to enable the JRC to participate. Discussion ensues.
	• Dave talks about how they strive to make everything successful that comes across their paths. He credits Jim Greer for much of that. He states he appreciates everyone's hard work. He thanks Dean Willis and Assistant Dean Smith for all their input and help. He expresses being every thankful himself for being at Moraine. Jim Greer talks about Dave being on the cover of the MVCC magazine, and Dean Willis mentions that Dave was Professor of the Year at Moraine and the IL Community College Full Time Faculty Award. Discussion ensues.
	• Dean Willis makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. • Al Tomnitz seconds the motion. • Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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