



## DETC/ TRDR Advisory Committee Minutes FALL 2015

**Date:** Thursday, November 5, 2015

**Number of Attendees:** 16

**Called to order:** 6:10 pm

**Adjourned:** 7:30 pm

**Chairperson:** Vardis Gaus

**Recorder:** Jennifer Woods

**Members present from industry:** From TRDR: **Keith Hartnett**, Admiral Beverage; **Robert Underhill**, Savage Services; **Fred Gaus**, First Fleet, Inc. From DETC: **Dave Gerken**, Snap-On Industrial; **Dan Price**, Wagner Equipment Co.; **Mike Schreiber**, Inland Kenworth

**Members present from CNM:** **Amy Ballard**, Assoc. Dean, Applied Technologies; **John Bronisz**, Dean, Applied Technologies; **Theresa Baca**, Career Center Advisor; **Michael Cranney**, Assoc. Dean, School of Applied Technologies; **Vardis Gaus**, Instructor, Faculty Chair; **Amanda Glennon**, CTE Outreach Manager; **Diana Lucero**, Instructor; **Bob Burkhard**, Instructor; **John Morningstar**, Instructor; **Jennifer Woods**, Academic Tech Asst.

**Next scheduled meeting:** To Be Decided

**I. Welcome/Introductions:** Introductions were made all around

**II. Minutes:** Minutes from the spring DETC and TRDR meetings were approved

### III. Reports:

- **Vardis Gaus** reported on the TRDR graduation rates: **CLASS A:** in spring, 36 students were getting ready to test-31 obtained CDL A. In summer, 32 tested, twenty four passed. This term - 34 students are planning to test. **CLASS B:** In spring, ten tested and ten passed; in summer, seven tested and six passed; this term, 16 tested, 15 passed, three more are waiting to test.
- Enrollment numbers are holding steady since the last meeting.
- We have two new vehicles; one is an automatic shift and the other is a standard shift. Testing on an automatic will allow students to get their CDL, but with a restriction.
- PTDI annual report was filed and everything was good.
- We are coordinating with Keith Hartnett for the ride-along program.
- December 4 and 7 is a combined class for all the TRDR students.
- **Bob Burkhard** reported on the DETC program. Jim Gore left the program and teaches only part time now. Bob is working with Jim's students to try to get them finished. Seventeen out of twenty will graduate. Bob's cohort is with the Wagner/Caterpillar students. He has eight apprentices. We are interviewing to replace Jim Gore.
- Bob is awaiting a new engine that was approved through the Perkins grant.
- He just started a new class on fixed power generation.
- Cummins has donated another generator.
- DETC will participate in the in-house SkillsUSA competition.
- On August 20, there was the Super Tech competition here at the ATC. There were twenty competitors, and one student and one tech went to the national competition. The student was able to have Walmart pay for his entire trip.
- Vardis said that truck driving is not normally a part of SkillsUSA, because for liability reasons, trucks are not allowed to move. But she is working on having truck driving being added to the competition, and

doing pre-trip inspections, log books, map reading. It may take another three years for that to happen, because other schools need to get on board with the idea.

- John B. reported that the school's budget is tight right now. We don't know yet if there will be equipment replacements or purchases.
- Amy reported that the range where the students practice is at the Balloon Fiesta Park. The city is examining the valuations of the property and the use of this area may become problematic. This space may become inadequate (it is a five acre parcel) because we have more and more students. John M. said that ideally we would need more than five acres. Keith offered his space in the south valley. We are happy to look at that option, especially during Balloon Fiesta.
- Vardis said the instructors have been getting additional training on safety, and drug and alcohol for reasonable suspicion. DETC may become part of the drug testing program. Mike S. said that Inland does random testing every month.

#### IV. Old Business

- John M. asked Keith if any of our students have applied to work for Admiral. Keith said he is not sure, but is hopeful that graduates will start coming to him.
- Bob Underhill came to recruit here too, and has had one applicant from CNM. He agrees with Keith that it may take some time to generate interest in their trucking business. Bob U. hauls diesel fuel for the railroads. He is interested in ride-alongs. This is when the student goes to the trucker's location and spends time riding with the driver. Railyard work can be dangerous, but the company will train. Graduates need Hazmat and Tanker clearances. He is hiring in Belen, NM. Good attitude is very important to him.

#### V. New Business

- John M. would like to receive hiring materials, (perhaps pamphlets), from trucking companies, so he can talk to students about job opportunities and describe duties. This will help graduates decide what type of trucking job they would want. Often families place pressure on the student to get only local jobs. If the students had access to more information about what trucking companies actually want from a new employee, they would be more open to explore other trucking job opportunities. Vardis suggested that the DETC program would benefit from this too, because of the apprenticeship program.
- Diana asked Theresa about the companies who come to her at the Job Connection Center, which is located on Main Campus. Theresa said that they see a mix of job descriptions. For posting a job at the JCC, Rhonda Ross is the person to call at 505-224-3077, [ross14@cnm.edu](mailto:ross14@cnm.edu). The JCC is planning to have targeted job fairs.
- DETC students are training to get their class B CDL, which is a valuable skill for them to have. Mike S. asked if it is part of the Diesel curriculum for the students to receive a CDL license. John B. said that it is an option for students to get a CDL. Mike said Inland values mechanics who have their CDL.
- Dan said that Wagner is moving to the south part of town.
- Mike from Inland said that Thursday November 12, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Inland is hosting the *Kenworth Road Tour*. It will be showcasing two new cab models and a new engine. New safety features will be showcased. Students are invited. He is excited about all the new automotive technology.
- Diana would like to receive more instruction on how to drive the automatic trucks. Mike will be helping out with that. A discussion then followed about some of the new features of truck engines.
- A discussion followed about the importance of the pre-trip and post-trip requirements. John M. explained that this is a huge part of the curriculum. A pre-trip check is a mandatory part of the CDL exam.
- Amanda mentioned CTE Day, which is now called **College Day**. It is February 26, and will still feature CTE programs, particularly those with low enrollment. All of CNM will be showcased.

#### VI. Adjournment 7:30 pm – Next meetings to be decided