



## DETC Advisory Committee Minutes, April 6, 2016

**Date:** April 6, 2016

**Number of Attendees:** 11

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

**Adjourned:** 7:50 pm

**Chairperson:** Bob Burkhard

**Recorder:** Jennifer woods

**Members present from industry:** **David Beach**, Wilbanks Trucking Services; **Dan Price**, Wagner Equipment Co.

**Members present from CNM:** **John Bronisz**, Dean, School of Applied Technologies; **Bob Burkhard**, Instructor; **Michael Cranney**, Assoc. Dean School of AT; **Vardis Gaus**, Faculty Chair/TRDR Instructor; **Amanda Glennon**, CTE Outreach; **Ray Lovato**, Instructor; **Tania Rihani**, Career Center Advisor; **Kristine Sanchez**, APS CTE Outreach; **Jennifer Woods**, Academic Tech Asst.

**Next scheduled meeting:** To be decided

**I. Welcome/Introductions:** Bob Burkhard opened the meeting and introductions were made all around.

**II. Minutes:** The fall 2015 minutes were approved with one correction – bullet point 3 under Reports should read: “We have two new vehicles; one is an automated shift and the other is a standard shift.” (Not automatic shift). Move to approve with correction and seconded.

**III. Reports:** Bob reported that there have been some changes in the program. Jim Gore will be teaching the Distance Learning classes. We have a new full time hire – Ray Lovato and a part-timer – Charles Connell. We are preparing for the SkillsUSA competition which is this Friday. We will run 13 stations.

We have two new (old) vehicles which the school bought from the State Surplus in Santa Fe – a school bus and a salt spreader truck. These vehicles will give the students a dose of real-world experience. The bus has air brakes. The salt truck will be beneficial for the class B CDL students too. We also bought a 6-cylinder diesel engine, which will be great for training.

John said our new mobile generator was stolen, so we are hoping to replace it soon. We received a brand new Cummins compressed natural gas engine, which will be good for training on alternate fuels.

Bob said he is going to be checking up on our apprentices in the Caterpillar/Wagner programs.

Dan mentioned that Wagner will not be having an apprenticeship program this year because there has been a downturn in business.

Bob will start a new cohort in the fall. The current apprentices will be finishing up at the end of the summer term. Ray added that he stresses to his students the importance of getting a CDL A license.

**IV. Old Business - NONE**

**V. New Business:** Amanda said that there are about 100 students visiting from Belen on Friday in order to tour the SkillsUSA competitions. We had College Day in February. About 1800 HS students visited our campuses. We had some industry partners here and got a lot of great feedback from the students. In the summer we will be having a summer camp with Data Charter School and programs for Middle schoolers.

David Beach said that his company hires both drivers and mechanics. Vardis added that we now have 48 over-the-road students. David said he pays \$1.00 per hour extra for mechanics who have a CDL A license.



Tania R. said that the Job Connection Service is changing its job fairs into networking events. She wants to connect with industry partners in order to organize industry-specific events.

Dan said that his company is looking at changing its model regarding the hiring of technicians. The company would like to come to CNM and assess the talents of the students on its own. This is something a lot of companies are doing now, and that is why networking with industry people is the newest trend.

David said that Wilbanks operates a pipe yard in Hobbs, has 100 CDL drivers and 25 mechanics and runs two shifts. There is a big crane division, so he takes oil rigs apart in order to move them. He has a welding and machine shop too. Not a lot of over-the-road trucking. Wilbanks is still doing pretty well even in the economic downturn. He offers jobs to our students only if they graduate from our program. He would like to come to CNM and talk to the diesel students.

Bob explained about the diesel internships. It is actually a one-credit class and students are required to prepare a resume, contact a company, do an interview, and then work for 40 (unpaid) hours during that term. Hiring at the end of the internship is optional for the company.

Ray has noticed that students are concerned about not finding work after finishing school. David said that he will always want to talk with a good mechanic. This is why the group feels it is necessary for industry to come to CNM and get to know promising new talent.

Kristine said that some of her HS students will be attending the SkillsUSA competition this week.

The advisory committee feedback survey was given to the industry members.

**VI. Adjournment:** 7:50 pm - The fall meeting has not been set yet, but will include the Truck driving program.