



DETC/TRDR Advisory Committee Minutes, FALL 2016

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2016

Number of Attendees: 14

Called to order: 12:27 pm

Adjourned: 1:42 pm

Chairperson: Vardis Gaus

Recorder: Jennifer Woods

Members present from industry: **David Beach**, Wilbanks Trucking; **David Gerken**, Snap-On Industrial; **Mike Schreiber**, Inland Kenworth

Members present from CNM: **John Bronisz**, Dean, School of Applied Technologies; **Bob Burkhard**, DETC Instructor; **Michael Cranney**, Assoc. Dean; **Vardis Gaus**, TRDR Instructor/Program Chair; **Amanda Glennon**, CTE Outreach; **Diana Lucero**, TRDR Instructor; **John Morningstar**, TRDR Instructor; **Jennifer Woods**, Academic Technical Asst.; **Roary England**, CNM student; **Mike Reid**, CNM student; **Russ Johnson**, CNM student

Next scheduled meeting: Combined DETC-TRDR meeting, Wednesday April 5, 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the CNM Advanced Technology Center

I. Welcome/Introductions: Vardis welcomed the members and introductions were made all around.

II. Minutes: Motion to accept, seconded, approved as is for both Spring 2016 meetings.

III. Reports: Vardis reported on graduation rates:

In the spring, 46 of 48 tested. Out of the 46, 39 passed. This was our largest class so far.

In the summer, we did not have any class B classes. We ran a 2097 class for those who previously failed the test. Five people were in that class and one failed. In the 1392 class, 27 people tested and 24 passed. The ones who did not pass came back to take the 2097 class for more experience.

This term, 9 people registered for the class B and 4 will go to testing. In the day class, 24 will go to testing and in the night class, 37 will test.

We went to the State Fair. Lots of people expressed interest in our classes.

We are looking at updating our fleet during this next equipment replacement cycle. John said that we can purchase good used trucks. Mike S. said that he has a truck for sale, which may be out of our reach at this point. He discussed the CES (Cooperative Educational Services) contract which has a provision for used trucks.

Vardis mentioned the electronic logging devices. We should be getting those soon. The PTDI annual report was sent in; we have not gotten any feedback yet.

Bob reported that he has finished the Wagner class in the summer. There is no apprenticeship class for the fall. The generator that had been stolen has been replaced. He is looking to purchase some AC recovery machines and hydraulic trainers.

SkillsUSA in-house competitions are coming up and will be completed before the end of the term. The state contest is usually in April.

We competed in the SuperTech Challenge. We sent one student to the National competition in North Carolina. The student did well for being a first-time participant.

Ray Lovato (the other DETC instructor) is doing a lot of much-needed repairs on our trucks. Buses should be fixed soon. The salt spreader truck should be ready soon too. We purchased a dual-clutch training kit.



Amanda reported that she is doing a lot of outreach events. She is planning College Day for February 10, 2017.

IV. Old Business - NONE

V. New Business

Vardis talked about veteran outreach. We have been going to the monthly VA meetings to talk about opportunities at CNM. There is a lot of interest in truck driving. We have reduced our classes so they take less time to complete (the content of the classes is still the same, just a shorter time period.), so there has been more interest because of this. We are also doing more independent study and topics classes, in order to give students who failed their test additional opportunities to get more experience.

Our Halloween Haunted House is October 28, 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the TC Building. Students will be showing off their projects with a creepy twist.

John talked about the budget cuts that CNM is facing. The operational budget has been impacted (the Capital equipment budget is only for equipment and not operational costs). Applied Technologies will not take a huge hit in our budget, although money is tight right now.

David B said that his company (Wilbanks) is in Artesia, Carlsbad and Hobbs and they are expanding into Odessa Texas. His company bought ten new trucks recently. He moves oil rigs, does pipelines, and production work. He pays more money to diesel mechanics if they have their CDL license, and an extra dollar an hour for Hazmat.

Vardis said that we are working on creating curriculum for an Owner/Operator certificate. This would include a class in the DETC program so the owner will have knowledge about the engine, in addition to some business courses. This will happen in the fall of 2018.

David B. said that electronic logs are going to be mandatory soon. The logs are very detailed and a bit intrusive, but have proven to be essential in case there is an accident.

Mike S. asked if there has been more of an interest in automated transmissions at the school. Kenworth is seeing more and more of this. The federal government is demanding better fuel economy. Discussion followed about the benefits of automated transmissions.

CNM student Russ Johnson was very complimentary about the program. He is grateful that the program has been shortened, and is impressed about the quality of our program. Mike S. said that there are a lot of driving positions available in all different companies.

Amanda talked more about college day and invited the members to bring in their trucks and talk to the HS students who would be visiting our campus.

Vardis asked the group if we should combine the DETC and TRDR advisory committees. As long as we have two meetings a year, we are allowed to combine programs. The group voted to combine the two advisories permanently, and also change the meeting time to evening.

The next meeting will be April 5, 2017 at 6:00pm at the ATC.

The industry members were given the advisory member feedback survey.

VI. Adjournment - 1:42 pm