



## TRDR Advisory Committee Minutes, Spring 2016

**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2016

**Number of Attendees:** 8

**Called to order:** 6:13 pm

**Adjourned:** 7:40 pm

**Chairperson:** Vardis Gaus

**Recorder:** Jennifer Woods

**Members present from industry:** **Keith Hartnett**, Admiral Beverage Co.

**Members present from CNM:** **Amy Ballard**, Assoc. Dean Applied Technologies; **John Bronisz**, Dean Applied Technologies; **Vardis Gaus**, Instructor/Faculty Chair; **Amanda Glennon**, CTE Outreach; **Jennifer Woods**, Academic Tech Asst.; **Tim Bushman**, CNM Student; **Mary Brown**, CNM Student

**Next scheduled meeting:** To be decide for Fall 2016

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

**II. Minutes:** Minutes from the fall 2015 meeting were approved.

**III. Reports:** Vardis reported on student enrollment and testing:

1. *Fall 2015:* 36 tested, 27 passed either first or second time around. Failure reasons:
  - a. Shifting – 3
  - b. Coasting – 2
  - c. Pretrip – 2
  - d. BS Parallel – 2
  - e. Hit curb – 1
  - f. Floating gears – 1
  - g. General driving – 1
  - h. Going too slow – 1
2. Of those who failed, one has taken the test for the third time and must wait one year to test again. Eight came back for refresh and retest. One additional who could not finish last term. Of the eight, two dropped so seven continued.
3. *Spring 2016:* **Class A** - Currently 48 students on road; 47 to test, which includes seven repeat students. **Class B** – Daytime students – five tested, all five passed (class size of 5). Weekend students – five tested, five passed (class size of 8). One had no permit and two did not opt to test. One class B student added Passenger endorsement and passed.
4. **John** – reported that he went to Santa Fe to visit the State Agency for Surplus Property. The school was able to purchase an old salt spreader truck with hydraulic brakes. We also picked up an old school bus with air brakes. Keith asked what we needed by way of equipment. He said he would see what he could do to donate an old ten-bay style delivery truck from his company. Vardis said she would like to get a motor coach if possible, and more trailers.  
**Amy** said that through our Perkins Grant, we have purchased five electronic logging devices. It will soon be mandated that all truck drivers use this equipment, but Keith said that he thought it was an unnecessary financial burden on a company, and will be a difficult transition. Vardis thinks these devices force the students to drive better.



5. **Vardis** talked about the PTDI report from last year which we never got back for some unknown reason, but she is sending in this year's report by April 30.

#### **IV. Old Business**

**Range progress update:** Amy said that the school (CNM) recognizes that we need a place to practice, and the City lot at Balloon Fiesta Park that we currently use works well, but may not be an affordable option forever. One possible location discussed is land near the West Side Campus, but neighbors in the area are not in support of this. The school needs about 6-8 acres of land to do what we need for the program. We really need a place to keep the trucks overnight. Keith said there is a lot of real estate that is not being used right now, especially in the south valley, near Rio Bravo and Broadway. The school should look into purchasing land in this area. Amy and John will look into this idea. Bill Robertson is the realtor for this piece of land. There are always issues with proper access, lighting, and ground prep, and the concerns that local residents have about large trucks driving down their streets.

**Ride-Alongs** – Tim Bushman (CNM TRDR student) did a ride-along with a driver from Admiral Beverage, and said it went really well. He went to the south valley. He remarked that he did a lot of merchandising, stocking, customer relations, worked with receiving clerks, store managers. Keith said that you don't just drive the truck; you are the face of the company and must perform a lot of tasks. You might also stock coolers, and break down pallets, because store employees don't do these things. For beer deliveries, there are regulations about who can handle liquor, so the employees are prevented from stocking. Keith would like to see other delivery companies get involved with CNM, like Southern Wine and Spirits and National Beverage. These companies are always looking for good drivers who don't have any bad habits yet. Ride-alongs are the best way to put a foot in the door for a future job. Savage Services was also mentioned as a company that would do ride-alongs. (Savage runs tankers at railyards, taking fuel off of trains.) Gandy Dancer is another company too. Vardis said she just got a call from them and they are looking to recruit students.

**CTE Day/College Day** – Amanda said that the day went really well. We had about 1,800 HS students come to campus and tour our facilities. Applied Technologies got good feedback. Students had to take a survey before they left campus so we have a lot of data on their experience here. Truck Driving got a lot of interest cards.

**SkillsUSA** – April 7, 8, and 9. Amanda said we will also have two school tours during this time too. They will visit the South Valley and ATC. We have a lot of summer camps going on too. Truck Driving is still not a part of SkillsUSA, but we are working on it.

**V. New Business:** **Vardis** said that we are trying to shorten the amount of time the students will be in class, so the daytime class will go from 15 weeks to 12 weeks. The night and weekend and DL classes will go from two terms down to one term. Refresher classes are also being developed. These might take place during intersessions – the time between terms and winter break. These classes will benefit those who have not driven for a while, or students who need more practice in order to do their testing. We also want to drum up more business. Keith wanted to know if we are looking at giving veterans credit for prior experience. CNM is considering this, but students need to get their permits first. Keith mentioned the Armory located at Lomas and Wyoming. The staff there are working on getting veterans more help. Amanda mentioned the Veterans Connection events that her office does every other month. Goodwill (on San Mateo, behind Sonic) usually hosts this event. There is another event at the VA Hospital that is also every month.

Mary Brown, CNM TRDR student, asked Keith about the ride-alongs and what kind of tasks she would be required to do. Discussion followed about delivery driving. Keith said that Admiral will continue to have some of its employees come to class to talk to students about the trucking industry.

The Advisory Committee Feedback Survey was given to Keith.

**VI. Adjournment** 7:40 pm. Next meeting will be in conjunction with the Diesel program.