

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 01/29/10

Members in attendance:

Jerome Udager AVC Instructor

Kevin Campbell AVC Staff

Dennis Nutt Senior Building Inspector

Glenn Losey II Welder/Fabricator

Michael Vanvarkaris Former Welding ROP Instructor

Bob Burns Owner Aero Bending

Tom Oliveras Mojave High School welding Instructor

Gary Wheeler Instructor AVC, North Valley Occ. Peirce College

Dave Jones Owner Precision Welding

The meeting started shortly after 6:00 p.m. on 01/29/10 with introductions because a new member joined the group, Bob Burns who owns Aero Bending, an company that specializes in thin wall tubing production for the aerospace industry.

Michael brought up the first point asking if any from the administration would be attending and Kevin replied no and Michael suggested that some one should be here at the next meeting.

Kevin then informed the group about the up coming changes in regards to the welding program taking over the whole building (TE2) referring to the auto body shop and how it will increase the space the welding program has to utilize. With the extra space the discussion shifted to how the space will be used, Kevin said it would be split between storage and an area for teaching welding layout and fabrication. Dave said "That's a great idea, when I hire someone they have to be able to read prints and layout parts because I'm not large enough to hire some one to do just one job."

Kevin discussed the potential layout; Dave asked about if how to use an ironworker was going to be taught in the layout area. The group voted that the purchase of a second ironworker to be placed in the expanded area would be need to properly teach to correct and safe way to use that type of machinery. They also suggested getting metal storage racks to keep the storage area clean and safe to move around in.

The group was happy to hear of the expanding area but Dennis brought up the question of when the college was going to be a test station for certification. Kevin was unable to give a good reason why the program hasn't reached that level with all the new equipment that has been installed in the shop. The committee expressed the need to have some one from administration at the next meeting to discuss this issue to formulate a plan to correct this deficit in the welding program. With that the meeting ended with plans for the next one for some time in mid June.

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Bill Martin Sale Rep. Airgas

The meeting started shortly after 3:30 p.m. on 01/27/11 with introductions because a member that had missed a few meetings was back, Bill Martin.

Michael brought up the first point asking if any from the administration would be attending and Kevin replied no and Michael suggested that some one should be here at the next meeting.

Kevin then informed the group about the changes in regards to the welding program taking over the whole building (TE2) referring to the auto body shop and how the space has been layout to support the welding program. A short tour was made.

Bill brought up the idea of virtual welding machines and explained how it worked and how it would save on material costs, he was unsure of the price but know it was very expensive.

The question was raised about fume extraction for the layout lab, and the discussion centered around getting some portable units to aide in student safety and training on how to use and the capabilities of the fume extraction units. The group decided that 4 fume extractors and a downdraft grinding bench was needed for the layout lab.

Dennis brought up the question (again, this is a concern and brought up every meeting) of when the college was going to be a test station for certification. Kevin was unable to give a good reason why the program hasn't reached that level with all the new equipment that has been installed in the shop. The committee expressed the need to have some one from administration at the next meeting to discuss this issue to formulate a plan to correct this deficit in the welding program. With that the meeting ended with plans for the next one for some time in mid June.