



Advanced Manufacturing -MINUTES
Tuesday, April 16th, 2024
Zoom

Members Present: Craig Lahti, Connor Lenhart, Mark Stanley, Toni Neary, Jay Schmidt

Members Absent: Michelle Wynne, Brandon Wilke

Clark College: Theo Koupelis, Elizabeth Flores, Jesse Kysar

The meeting began at 12:00 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet on December 3rd, 2024, at noon via Zoom.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from November 22nd, 2023, have been approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Theo shared the college is experiencing an increase in enrollment and growth in new positions across different departments. Additionally, there are no plans for a second or third phase of cuts.

Theo discussed the search for the Vice President of Instruction.

AM PROGRAM UPDATES

Theo discussed the ongoing Advanced Manufacturing faculty lead search.

Theo noted some challenges in hiring for the position. Therefore the program hosted a second round of advertising. Theo welcomed the committee's sharing of the job position with their community.

Theo noted that the incoming faculty lead will have over a year to shape or expand the program.

Theo shared that the College intends to open the first cohort during the fall of 2025.

Jay recommended sharing the job posting with Career Connected Learning.

SOFTWARE

Theo led a discussion about some challenges with software and equipment, such as a recent policy on accessibility.

Theo shared that the IT department works to ensure equipment accessibility.

Theo asked for the committee's feedback on the software's accessibility and posed questions about the equipment in the field.

Mark stated students are unable to modify software while in the field.

Toni suggested contacting the accessibility office to get involved and accommodate the needs in the meantime, such as concessions available for students.

Toni recommended contacting The Lighthouse for the Blind in Seattle, WA, to ask about the software they are using.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Craig nominated Jay for the vice-chair position, Toni seconded the motion, and the nomination was unanimously approved.

Craig volunteered to be committee chair, Jay seconded the motion, and the nomination was unanimously approved.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Jay discussed the upcoming HITEC Summit on May 7th and 9th, 2024. There will be representatives from Washington State University, Evergreen School District, Vancouver Public Schools, and Clark College.

Mark suggested that Columbia Machine would be an excellent participant at the summit.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores