



Diesel - MINUTES
Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 12:00 PM
PUB 258-B

Members Present: Michael Taylor, Chris Boucher, Luis Trejo, Michelle Dilwith, Nick Morgan, Dan Zenger, Jake Mahan, Caylee Newsom

Guests: Geoff Grimm

Members Absent: Brian Dilitto, James Albright, Jody Mannor, Terry Craig

Clark College: Don Gonser, Theo Koupelis, Elizabeth Flores, Wende Fisher, Alex Kison, Jeff Rush

The meeting began at 12:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet on May 7th, 2024, and November 5th, 2024 at noon.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The previous minutes from 11-28-23 were approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Theo discussed that he was working with Deanna Green from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. He is awaiting a response and input regarding scholarship availability for students.

Theo welcomed anyone who knows of a student who may need scholarships or is actively looking to reach out. Theo recognized a lack of applications for scholarships within WPTE.

RTA FLEET MANAGEMENT

Don discussed RTA fleet management software and reviewed the prices. Don hopes to fund part of it from Perkins, which would be valuable to students.

- KS-I Fleet Kickstart \$5,690.50
- RTA Gold Tier \$6,840.00 per year
- RTA Platinum \$9,1200.00 per year

Don inquired about RTA fleet software and asked for committee feedback.

Nick mentioned they use Maximum.

Theo mentioned Perkins can compensate \$5,000 or less.

Action item: Revisit RTA fleet management software.

Action item: Review work plans.

BYLAWS

The committee reviewed the bylaws but did not approve to finalize anything until the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Don shared ten students in the lab and seven in the lecture. Ten in lab 7 in lecture. Don currently has ten second-year students and Jeff has eighteen first-year students.

Don welcomed the committee to come and interview students. Mondays are a preferred day to arrange for interviews and please reach out to Don.

Michelle and Nick offered to participate.

Jeff noted that students like to visit shops.

Jake and Dan offered to participate.

Chris offered to participate.

Don discussed Career Launch and is hoping to get someone in to promote the program.

Jeff announced that twenty-two students started in the fall, and currently, there are eighteen.

NEW BUSINESS

Don discussed the program's student fees, which average about \$1,050, and the fees run out very quickly.

Don and Jeff noted the increased volume of students in the last couple of years. With a clear budget and goals to build on, it will make spending costs more efficient for students.

Jeff mentioned broken parts should all come out of student fees.

Chris asked about credit hours per term.

Michelle asked about the consumables that students are receiving.

Michelle and Mike asked how much has been used and what they need yearly.

Chris asked the college to fund the program for more pieces and updated equipment. Evaluate the budget and look at the justification for purchases and student fees.

Jeff stated that students want more a larger budget to replace parts and work on projects. Jeff noted that \$200 is a good start.

Michelle inquired if the faculty could pull the budget for review in the spring meeting.

Action Item: Don and Katie Wallis will pull the budget for the spring meeting.

Alex recommended WES and WorkSource as a resource to support student fees fully or partially.

ACTION ITEMS

Action item: Revisit RTA fleet management software.

Action item: Review and approve bylaws and work plans.

Action Item: Don and Katie Wallis will pull the budget for the spring meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores