



Diesel -MINUTES
November 5, 2024, at 12:00 PM
Gaiser Hall Room 213

Members Present: Michael Taylor (Committee Chair), Instructor, Cascadia Technical Academy; Andy Turlo, District Manager, TForce Freight; Luis Trejo, Supervisor, FedEx Freight; Jason Graves, Supervisor, FedEx Freight; Jake Mahan, Fleet Acquisition Analyst, City of Vancouver; Dan Zenger, Fleet Manager, City of Vancouver

Guests:

Members Absent: Brian Dilitto (Vice-Chair), Regional Manager, FedEx; Caylee Newson, Northwest Area Recruiter, Penske Truck Leasing; Terry Craig, General Service Manager, Excavator Rental Services; Renee Dees, Supervisor, FedEx Freight; Michelle Dilwith Lacenda, Sr Talent Acquisition Specialist, FedEx Freight

Labor Representative: Labor Representative recruitment attempted

Clark College: Theo Koupelis, Dean of WPTE & STEM, Clark College; Don Gonser, Faculty Lead, Clark College; Jeff Rush, Instructor, Clark College; Wende Fisher, Advising, Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College

The meeting began at 12:00 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on February 4th, 2025, at Noon.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on May 7th, 2024, were approved.

ETHICS TRAINING

Elizabeth conducted the Advisory Committee Ethics Training.

ORIENTATION TRAINING

Elizabeth conducted the Advisory Orientation Training.

COLLEGE UPDATES

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Theo shared that the College has welcomed Dr. Terry Brown the new Vice President of Instruction.

Theo shared that the College has reached its enrollment goals.

Theo recommends conducting open houses for the Diesel program, as it provides great benefits for future students and has a lasting impact.

Theo discussed the State updates regarding employer versus employee representation. The College aims to include all voices and representation and welcomes committee input and member recommendations.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Don announced he will be retiring after the Spring quarter. Don shared that the Diesel program has a tenure-track faculty member.

Theo discussed a potential grant that will allow the program to hire a full-time faculty temporary person.

Jeff shared that the program will be under review, and it does not guarantee anything. Jeff noted outreach opportunities would benefit the program.

Enrollment

Jeff shared the cohort size, eight students in the first year and seventeen students in the second-year cohort.

Equipment

Don is looking into the CAT 420. The Career Launch Grant enabled the program to purchase new equipment.

Jeff shared that the program received CAT ATE lab tops.

Don noted challenges in keeping up with items, so the program plans to the 5S continuous improvement plan.

Student Fees

Don shared the updates since the last advisory meeting that the program has changed its proposed changes in course fees.

Jeff communicated the increase of \$1,000 in student fees, while the program maintained the maximum amount allowed by the committee. The maximum limit to exceed the student fees is \$110.

Don shared that as of September 30th, 2024, the Diesel dedicated fee budget end balance is \$1,343.38

RTA Software

Don asked if the committee has insight on places currently using the use of RTA software.

Dan noted the City of Vancouver continues to use it.

EPA (EV) Electric Vehicle Grant

Jeff discussed that the program requested one truck for the program. Jeff displayed the program EV Charging station options and compared which model to use such as the portable slow charger or the permanent fast charger.

Jeff shared that the program built in an EV instructor salary and training paid for two years.

Jeff noted the program will need EV personal protective equipment paid for two sets for instructors. 10 sets for students and the kits average \$8,000 per kit, and the toolsets are to be sent to bid for \$50,000.00

Jeff noted the program needs electrical trainers to be sent to bid.

Jason noted the EV equipment must be inspected on an annual basis and noted it is extensive.

Jeff displayed the EV pathway training package.

Jeff discussed the double-sided can board and the program has not decided which route they are going to go with at this time.

Jeff discussed the EV high-voltage safety trainer.

Jeff may eliminate some classroom demonstration aides to save on costs.

Jeff shared that the program hopes to move from the basic to the advanced hydraulic trainer.

Jeff shared that the snap-on meter cart with nationally recognized cert.

Jeff noted that class 8 trucks are on the rise and the program is considering utilizing that specific truck. Jeff shared that the program is waiting on grant approval with United Way. This is a three-year grant, and the program needs to be done with all its requirements in 24 months.

Student Interviews

Please contact Don if you would like to conduct student interviews.

ACTION ITEMS

The committee will review the quorum stated in the bylaws at the upcoming winter meeting.

The committee will review and discuss the work plan at the upcoming winter meeting.

INDUSTRY FEEDBACK

Jason noted there is a high demand for technicians at FedEx Freight and various vendors are hiring.

Andy noted that there is a high demand for technicians, and they are currently searching for qualified candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM