



**DSL -MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 28th, 2023, at Noon.**  
**Joan Stout Hall Room 250**

**Members Present:** Michael Taylor, Caylee Newsom, Chris Boucher, Dan Zenger

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

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

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**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Noon.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the previous meeting could not be located.

**COLLEGE UPDATES**

Theo shared that enrollments are up 10%.

Theo shared that the automotive programs have been completed successfully and are performing well.

Theo offered to share the diesel curriculum with the advisory committee to update members on further changes.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Upon reviewing the roster, the committee has removed non-responsive members from the list.**

Don shared that the first-year students started with twenty-two students, and currently, they have twenty students.

Don mentioned that the second year has a total of nine students.

**Action item:** Don will work on student recruitment and outreach using release time.

Don helped finalize a grant through Career Launch that allows for new diesel bachoe, such as a pro-link edge snap-on cart.

Don received an equipment donation from Hamilton Power Solutions.

Don mentioned that Modern Machinery nominated the Diesel department from Dennis and Phillis Washington Foundation donated funds to the program through Clark College's foundation.

Don also shared that the program purchased a disk brake trainer using Perkins funding. This will be beneficial for the students to use updated diesel technology.

Theo explained that Career Launch is a state funding system for CTE that supports students and grants-supported programs.

Don received a grant for 20 fluke multimeters.

The department continues to work on 5-S improvement.

Don suggested increasing student fees to afford RTA fleet management software.

Dan has been using RTA management software for more than two decades and he highly recommends it.

**Action item:** Don will follow up with the City of Vancouver and RTA for the price increases.

**Action item:** Theo will share scholarships for the diesel program and investigate funding for the cost of the RTA management software.

**Action item:** Don will build the work plan.

Don asked if employers would like to interview students this spring. Employers are encouraged to participate.

Don shared that Peterson Cat hired five students.

## **INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Chris from Hamilton mentioned that power generation tech is significant, and he must recruit more people in the next few months.

Chris informed us that Hamilton is hiring power generation technicians with a starting pay of \$62/hour. Chris mentioned that we hope to pay a Seattle wage, even though Vancouver and Portland are on the lower end.

Chris sees a technician shortage nationwide, and they are open to relocating folks for a higher wage. Dan proposed providing diverse career paths to the students.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores