



WORKERS RETRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Monday, October 2nd, 2023, 11:30 AM

Zoom Online

Members Present: Narek Daniyelyan, Chad Mullen, Vickei Hrdina, Michelle Thor, Jay Schmidt, Ryan Fanning, Karin LaValla, and Sean Moore.

Members Absent: Scot Headley, Jim Wilkins-Luton, Rebecca Kay, Terri Kaufman, David Woodlock, Tom Strobehn, Mark Maggiora, Catherine Erickson, and Travis Elmore.

Clark College: Nicole Rogers-Marcum, Theo Koupelis, Katy Jacky, Cheyanne Pfeifer, and Elizabeth Flores.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from June 1st, 2023, were presented for approval. As of October 2nd, 2023, the minutes have been approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on **Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COLLEGE AND/OR DEPARTMENT

Nicole shared budgetary program numbers that displayed target amounts to spend for each category. Narek suggested that Scott Bailey Regional Economist see the amounts as well. Sean informed the committee that Scott Bailey has recently retired. Currently, no one knows who the next Regional Economist is.

INDUSTRY QUESTIONS/FEEDBACK

Jay recommended that Clark add more manufacturing programs considering the many manufacturing sectors in the area. He additionally recommended surveying local manufacturing companies to see what industry needs might be.

Narek asked if the budgetary numbers displayed were going to students or the school. Nicole replied that they are program costs, such as instructor and other support costs for the program.

Jay asked how the wages displayed are calculated. Nicole will get back to the committee. Narek asked Sean's input on the wage, and he suspected it looked entry-level based on the sheet Nicole shared.

Narek mentioned that the WR funds are going towards existing programs at Clark and asked how to make sure local community colleges are offering programs that are in demand in their region. What wage is helpful for next time and how is it determined at the state level of what these programs are? Question: Are there programs that will align best with technology?

Nicole shared the process of implementing a new program such as funding, approval process, and obtaining funding from the state, which is time intensive. The current program offerings are in high demand, but in time, expanding can be discussed.

Ryan asked for any connection between the net spend. Nicole said sometimes we must help more programs to get them up and running. For example, the auto department has gone through many changes, so Clark has allocated money to support those changes.

Narek mentioned that Clark shared program outcomes in the past and suggested feedback be shared regarding how these dollars are being spent on students. Michelle mentioned that in the past the WR committee provided feedback on programs that were not in high demand as well as whether there was any information that Clark could provide.

Narek noted previous discussions regarding how in demand the Machining program was and how Clark was having trouble recruiting.

Analyzing the presented data, Narek noted that only four students in the Automotive program qualify for Worker Retraining funding.

Nicole explained that the presented data shows the 23-24 fiscal year for this academic year. She clarified that the data is reviewed annually and predictions for the following year are normally calculated in March or April.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Cheyenne will provide student trends for our next meeting.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores