



WR -MINUTES
Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 11:00 AM.
Zoom

Members Present: Narek Daniyelyan, Vickei Hrdina, Sean Moore, Chase Kleinschmidt, Michelle Thor

Members Absent: Chad Mullen, Karin LaValla, Ryan Fanning, Travis Elmore

Clark College: Theo Koupelis, Nicole Rogers-Marcum, Scot Headley, Kate Jacky, Elizabeth Flores

The meeting began at 11:00 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will next on October 24th, 2024.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The committee could not approve the minutes from March 7th, 2024, due to the lack of a quorum.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Introductions were made.

Scot discussed that the Business and Health Sciences units are preparing for the Healthcare Career Camp. The programs have observed an increase in adult students returning to school, so recruitment efforts will target different age groups.

Scot shared that the Surgical Tech program is almost approved by the state.

Scot discussed actively recruiting new members for the Worker Retraining Advisory Committee. An incoming member from the Vancouver Firefighters Union will join the committee in the fall.

Scot shared his plans to meet with the Oregon Federation of Nurses soon and hopes to recruit a healthcare worker to join the committee.

Theo discussed the efforts to restructure the advisory committees and their instrumental role in shaping and supporting new programs.

Theo discussed the Workforce, Professional and Technical Education program enrollments.

Theo shared the positive outcome of the Welding open house and that a weekend cohort for the program has been established.

Theo shared that Cybersecurity and Network Technology enrollments are robust.

Theo shared that Cuisine and Professional Baking expect a full cohort for this upcoming fall quarter.

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Theo discussed the Advanced Manufacturing program and its brand-new facility. Theo welcomed members to share the open job positions within the program.

Theo shared there are three finalists for the position of Vice President of Instruction.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Vicki shared an upcoming industry summit for Advanced Manufacturing K-12. This is a great opportunity for employers to discuss the landscape and develop the talent pipeline.

Vickie discussed the working group that will meet biannually to discuss 5-6 industries across all sectors. The next focus will be Healthcare.

Sean discussed the upcoming interstate project and the Columbia Economic Development Council's work to help small businesses. The project will create many opportunities in Construction and Advanced Manufacturing.

Sean shared his partnerships with Clark College and Washington State University, as well as funding and healthcare pathways. Sean noted the popularity of Nursing.

STUDENT TRENDS

Sean would like to see the intersection between the eligibility categories.

Narek asked for more information about a recipient who may qualify for one category of displacement. Will they also be eligible for a stop-gap payment?

WORKER RETRAINING BUDGET OVERVIEW

Nicole shared the summary of the Worker Retraining budget from July 1st to June 30th, 2025.

Nicole displayed the activities, costs, financial aid-related items, goods, and services. Nicole noted that they can be used interchangeably and based on need.

Nicole discussed the total amount the College will receive in Worker Retraining for the upcoming fiscal year, which has already been submitted.

ACTION ITEM

The committee will review the previous minutes.

The committee will review the bylaws.

The committee will elect a Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores