

Northland Aerospace Advisory Committee Minutes

October 29, 2019, 3:50 PM, Room 16

Call meeting to order

- Nick Geinert called meeting to order – John Simmers from Bismarck Aero asked if someone could explain the purpose of the Advisory Committee. Jeff Krein opened with an explanation

Members present

Bob Wold, Richard Chapman, Kathryn Brown, Sam Gorton, Morgan Stroh, Calvin Cavett, Jeff Krein, Nick Geinert, Lynn McGlynn, and Jon Simmers

Approval of minutes from Spring Committee meeting – Jeff Krein made an amendment to the date which should have been March 24, 2019. Approved by Morgan, seconded by Jon, all in favor

Old business

1. National Center for Autonomous Technologies-Grand Received

- a. Northland Community & Technical College, along with five other partner agencies, has been awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant in the amount of seven million dollars; the largest grant ever awarded to Northland. This grant will facilitate the formation of the National Center for Autonomous Technologies (NCAT) to be hosted on Northland's Aerospace site in Thief River Falls, MN. Northland will partner with St. Cloud State University (SCSU), Marine Advanced Technology Education Inspiration for Innovation (MATE II), Center for Advanced Automotive Technology (CAAT), National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence (GeoTech), and the Minnesota State Transportation Center of Excellence (TCOE) to educate and promote autonomous technologies throughout the United States.

2. FAA has approved our new curriculum

- a. Will be working on starting the new program Fall of 2020. Bob Wold stated that the new curriculum has been approved by the FAA. Reduced hours from 1980 to 1923. Hoping to offer classes in the block schedule format.



- b. Potential to bring on Rod Brekken as recruiter was not considered by Curtis. Lack of funds is the contributing factor.
- c. The Panasonic banner has been received and put up in Recip hangar.

New business

2. Marketing

- a. Jon Simmers suggested that we try and get businesses to donate to help market the program.
Rod Brekken's name was mentioned once again regarding recruiting.
- b. Lynn will try and reach out to Stephanie **Zojonc**, Director of Program Excellence Minnesota State Transportation Center of Excellence to see if they can help with getting the word out of shortage of mechanics and how NCTC has openings for the Aviation Maintenance Program.
- c. Discussion was made on needing some updated equipment. Reach out to Industry partners

3. National Reauthorization Act

- a. Bob stated there may be some funds coming from the FAA under the National Reauthorization Act.

4. Additional Items

- a. Committee discussed the Aviation foundation and what is happening with it.
To be put on faculty meeting agenda to discuss with Curtis. Was suggested that we get the Foundation up and running again so the money does not go into the general fund and would be earmarked for "Marketing"
If all is supportive our next step would be to get together to get NEW MEMBERS. Ask Curtis if there is a balance left in the account.
Will try to make the foundations new mission to be more about recruitment and advertising.

Adjourn – Motioned by Jon, seconded by Morgan, all in favor
Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

