

## “Electrical Construction Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes”

March 19, 2019

Called to Order 4:30 PM

Roll call: Present -Russ Penn, Stan Korvarik, Rick Simon, Chris Eken, Wayne Bergstrom, Jodi Stauss

Absent - Jody Beauchamp, Anne Bryson, Russ Lee, Mark Lothspeich, Kevin Tran, Jeff Olson.

Old Business – Review Meeting minutes from October 23, 2018 – Motion to approve – Rick Simon / Second – Russ Penn - Minutes so approved.

Instructor Report –Stan Kovarik -1<sup>st</sup> yr Second Semester – started the year with 23 – Same as last year. One has decided to not attend so working with now 22 students. Attendance has been good – students eager to learn – Stan mentioned students are excelling and excited for labs. Stan mentioned 8 of his students have summer work already.

Instructor Report – Rick Simon - 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. Second Semester – Has lost 2 students so now at a class total of 20 students from fall semester. Rick stated that some students are filling out applications and that 50% of students have work lined up for this summer or are currently seeking positions.

Classroom caps are still set at 23.

New Business:

Rick said he would like to see the House project start up again next year but focused more for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. This project takes up about 5 weeks of work/class time. Rick and Stan both said it was too much for the 1<sup>st</sup> year students to take on themselves. Wayne mentioned that it would be good for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students to do this but to also keep it mind that it would make for a good walk through for the 1<sup>st</sup> year students. Rick mentioned it would be a good opportunity to do code talk with the 1<sup>st</sup> year students in the house.

Stan had given out a Human Relations course description. He said we could remove a couple existing courses out of the curriculum and replace it with this one. Wayne said this is a huge part of the trade, in dealing with customers and other contractors. Everyone agreed. Chris said we need to have apprentices that can talk to anyone with any personality. Jodi mentioned these other classes could be done away with being that most of these class topics are taught in grade school. The removal of the three single credit classes and implementation of the HR class would be for 1<sup>st</sup> year students in spring semester.

Stan had mentioned on the question of classroom time that some students are getting done faster than others. Those students help others or do other small projects in the lab. Students are getting labs done and using the time wisely.

Chris asked the question on low voltage training of the basis of North Dakotas upcoming LVT license. Both instructors said that the training for that is already in the curriculum, and that the students get time working with furnaces in the lab.

Stan would like input from the members for more ideas on what to teach. Wayne said they should give the kids an overview of basic parts and materials but Stan that the basics of this was already being taught in the curriculum. Wayne had also mentioned it would be good to have a class or instruction on proper use and safety on hand and power tools. Chris has mentioned to contact Milwaukee tools to do a demo.

With the time nearing 6:00 and dinner is being served at that time the meeting adjourned

Next meeting – next fall – April \_\_\_\_, 2019.

Chris Eken – Chair