



NORTHLAND

COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

FIRE TECHNOLOGY

Advisory Meeting March 21st, 2017

Attendees:

Dan Sponsler
Gary Larson
Darren Schimke
Steve Lackman
Shane Wasylow
Gary Lorenz
Peter O'Neill

Not able to attend:

Bruce Weymier
Steve Dirksen
Kelli Flermoen
Joe Dewey
Jeff Laskowske

1. Welcome/Introductions

- a. All attendees introduced themselves and their relation to the program
- b. Last meeting minutes.

2. Program Status

- a. Current degrees/certs – discussed the current degrees and certifications we are currently offering (Fire Technology AAS; Fire Medic AAS; Fire service prep cert.; Advanced rescue cert.)
- b. Enrollment numbers – There are 22 current students (10 2nd year / 12 1st year Fire Tech; 2 Fire Medic) There are also 9 students in the Advanced Rescue certificate program as well as 1 in the Fire Service Prep cert program. There was discussion amongst member about the continued low number of students in the Fire Paramedic Program and its feasibility. Ultimately at this time we feel that the Fire Paramedic Program is a valuable option for those students looking for employment in specific geographic areas as well as marketing purposes.

3. Program sustainability report.

I covered the Fire Technology Program Data Analysis Report and explained to the members present the impact that it has on the program. We spoke of the lower enrollment numbers we

have seen in the past year has had a negative impact on multiple portions of that report. The Program has gone from a 5/6 in FY15 to 2/6 in FY16. Most of this decline is based on the low enrollment number specifically in the 2nd year classes for the FY16 year. We expect this to rebound a bit with our current registration number.

4. Staff / Retirement

I informed the members of the upcoming retirement of long time adjunct instructor Dale Monson. I also relayed that there was no plans at this time to hire an additional instructor.

5. Discussion/suggestions