

# 2021-2022 Advisory Board Minutes

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People in Attendance

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We had pizza at 5:00 pm in the commons area and started the meeting at 5:20pm.

Jodi started the meeting by talking about the change in curriculum for the current requirement for MN transfer curriculum electives. The discussion was about thinking about just having to take 15 transfer credits instead of comp I, intro to ethics and 9 transfer credits for the AAS. This might make it easier for incoming students with credits from other institutions make the decide to attend here since there would be a better chance of credits they already have, being able to be used towards our programs here. The fact that credits are a little under \$200 per credit is a fairly substantial amount and having to take more classes might be the factor that turns students away from our programs here.

Phil talked about the fact that in the world of a large mechanical contractor, they are usually looking for an hvac tech or a plumber, not someone who can do both, but could understand the need for such an employee in a smaller company.

Clark stated that it seemed like a nonissue, that if it would make it easier for students to achieve the AAS, then to go ahead and do it.

Phil stated that he would like to see some kind of soft skill class be required in either the hvac or plumbing diploma as well as with the AAS, since that seems to be one area where new employees, recent graduates seem to be lacking. Something that teaches critical thinking, interpersonal skills, and maybe some practice job interviews. He was thinking something along the lines of keep the human relations as a requirement and having the other 12 MN transfer credits be open.

Clark brought up the that the topic of even something that seems simple like completing the paperwork, invoices, and material lists for work orders and service calls.

The topic of the Career Impact Academy and its impact that it might have on NCTC was brought up by Phil Kramer. Phil is on a board for the CIA and has a great amount of knowledge about the project, he said that Fall 2024 is a proposed opening timeframe for the project and that he thinks that it will really help funnel students over to our college after they get an introduction in different trades. Both Phil and Clark think it will be a good feeder program for us.