

Welding Technology East Grand Forks

October 23rd, 2018 Advisory Board Meeting

Dinner @ 6:00 P.M.

Agenda items

1. Student Count started 12 is now at 11 (Medical Reasons)
2. Career Fair at the Allerus Center on October 31st, 2018.
3. Career Fair at the Fargo Dome on November 29th, 2018.
4. I am now on the committee for HLC (Higher Learning Commission)
 - a. Measuring student learning
 - b. ILO (Institutional Learner Outcome)
5. Received 2018 NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) award in Austin Texas.
6. Attended Fab Tech Show in Chicago, last fall (2017). Equipment purchased is working well and will be adding foot control to two positioners, in the next couple of weeks
7. All but two students completed and graduated with Welding Technology Diploma. One student did not complete Internship Coursework, one did not complete Accuplacer Math Score. 100% of students had job opportunities.
8. One Scholarship is available for Welding Technology Students.
9. Job outlook is great, many companies are already approaching us.
10. Pay is good for the starting wage with many companies providing hiring incentives.
11. Should our group meet earlier in the day of the Advisory Board Meetings?
 - a. Busy Schedules
- 12.

Northland Community and Technical College, Welding Technology Fall Advisory Board Meeting at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, October 9th, 2023. I will be on campus for those individuals that want to meet in person, Members also have the option to do it through Zoom. (see Zoom Invite) The meeting will be approximately 1 hour. Please let me know if you can attend.

In attendance: Brian H. Suckow, Trent Ertman, Braxton Kjos, Tyler Hall, Warren Konze, Riley Ferguson.

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- 1.) Update on 2023-2024 School year (Students and Curriculum)
 - A.) 18 Students, attendance is good, Goal is to get it up to 23 students.
- 2.) Welding Technology Shirts
 - A.) Lincoln Electric Shirts are being donated for our Welding Technology Students- Our School Logo is stitched on opposite front shirt pocket. These are worn at Career Fairs, Class Tours, and Interviews.
- 3.) Career Fairs on and off campus
 - A.) We are participating in the Career Fair at Alerus in Grand Forks ND on October 25th, 2023. Swag has been purchased with Marketing Dollars, and we will be bringing the VRTEX360. Current Welding Technology Students are helping work at the event. Fargo Dome Career Fair, and on campus tours with Grand Forks Red River and Grand Forks Central. Along with the Career Fair at Northland Community and Technical College in the spring.
- 4.) House Building Project
 - A.) The Carpentry Department will be building a house project on Campus, the Welding Technology Program welded bolts on plates for anchors and is using a Gas Drive Welder for Welding the Beam to plates. Great Class Project. As they must set up for the job each morning, and each student has a final that will be assessed.
- 5.) New Equipment
 - A.) In June of 2023 we Traded in 11 Miller XMT 304's, along with the 70 Series Wire Feeders (Outdated and will not do Pulse Welding) We then purchased 11 Miller XMT 350MPa's, and Miller S-74 MPA Plus Feeders. These machines are capable of Pulse Welding.
 - B.) We added Purge Blocks for our GTAW (Gas Tungsten Arc Welding) This is a great addition for our Welding Technology Program and our COI, as we have been working with companies that are welding Stainless Steel.
 - C.) New Welding Stands are being put in our Welding Booths, as others are very worn out and they were too big for the area. (Great addition for our Shop)
- 6.) Job Postings

A.) There are plenty of job opportunities for our students. As we have a lot of Companies coming in to promote their companies, sending us fliers, offering hiring bonuses. Our students have job offers before graduation.

7.) Summer Internship

WELD1118 4 Credits during Summer Semester, those credits are not covered under Financial Aid which causes financial Hardship for some students.

We tried moving the 4 credits into Spring Semester to see if the completion rates for our program would change. This made us compress more time in Lab, but with the long days it took away student's part time work after school. So, we went back to 4 credits in Summer Semester.

The Advisory board spoke and decided unanimously to get rid of the WELD1118 Welding Internship Course. The reason is to make it more attractive to the incoming students. While also Aligning with other Welding Programs across the State. (Example Dunwoody)

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 P.M.