

# TRF Welding Advisory Committee

6-7:30pm In person and Zoom

25 October 2023

Zoom Link: <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/93127859816>

<b>1. Shop tour</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Evaluate equipment needs – 5yr plan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Received CNC tube bender and Water jet</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Questions asked: What benefits the program best? Cobot, pulse machines (what brands), multi-process machines</b></p> <p><b>Question for companies on the board: What machine experience would incline you to hire a TRF student over another applicant?</b></p> <li>b. Welding shop configuration – in progress</li>
<b>2. Curriculum – Joel Z</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Program changes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. CBE and fractional credits not approved</li><li>ii. Changes made before the semester – new program details attached</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Program changes shared; new diploma and certificate information attached</b></p>
<b>3. Enrollment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Better numbers again this year<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. PSEO numbers up</li><li>ii. College students down</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Need to impress on HS counselors the benefits of a tech/trade degree vs 4-year degree</b></p> <p><b>How to get welding graduate to move beyond being ‘just’ a welder – CWI, engineer, etc</b></p>
<b>4. Donations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Enbridge – electrodes – Sorry, I forgot about these last spring</li><li>b. Steffes – pipe</li></ul> <p><b>Cash donations are approved through the Northland Foundation – contact Joel or Lars Dyrud</b></p> <p><b>Non-cash donations are also credited to the program via leveraged equipment – always welcome!</b></p>
<b>5. Advisory Guidebook</b> <p><b>Condensed version shared at meeting, full version attached</b></p>
<b>6. Additions:</b> <p><b>None</b></p>

Attendees: Mike Coltom, Soren Oleson, Gabe Rath, Eric Dougherty, Tom Leuthner, Adam Reese, Jason Lee, Brett Brown, Ben Meyer, Todd Loiseau, Brad Thompson, Sheldin Sundberg, Brandon Brazier, Demetrius Oberg, Tina Haven, Matt Kroulik, Greg Crader, Shawn Donarski, Brent Miller, John Moore, Robert Hapka