

TRF Welding Advisory Committee

6-7:30pm In person and Zoom

Room 662

9 April 2024

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

1. Shop tour

- a. Evaluate equipment needs – 5yr plan
- b. New equipment
 - i. Deltawelds: 2 – 350 w/IntellX feeders
 - ii. Lincoln: 3 – S350 w/adv module
 - iii. Pipe profiler: Lincoln Electric Compact Profiler
 - iv. Virtual trainers: Miller Virtual trainers

2. Curriculum – Joel Z

- a. Program changes
 - i. Moved two courses to even out credit load and better align content – cutting
 - ii. Removing GMAW courses from spring semester – were for only PSEO
 1. **Potential issue with PSEO students not registering if not able to get GMAW certificate in one year.**
- b. Content changes
 - i. Removing several autogenous GTAW welds
 - ii. Changed 0.045" SS GMAW to 0.035" stainless welds
- c. Exploring [LEEPS](#) Lincoln Electric Education Partner schools.

3. Enrollment

- a. Promising with MN North Star Promise program
 - i. Handout – **unclear how this will affect enrollment**

4. College President Search

- a. 1-year, interim; forums were on April 4 & 5
 - i. **Interim announced withing the next two weeks**
- b. Replacement search to start Aug/Sep

5. Professional Development

- a. Miller Electric conference – Appleton, WI

6. HS Outreach:

- a. Summer training for new high school teachers
- b. Career Expo – April 11 – **290 students from 15 area schools – pre-Covid numbers**
- c. PSEO orientation – April 29

7. Additions:

- a. **Travis O stated that American Crystal Sugar offers welding related grants through their 'Community Roots Grant'; go to their website for more information: [American Crystal Communities](#); also scholarships available for Red River Valley students: [Scholarship Opportunities](#)**
- b. **[Northland Community and Technical College scholarship](#) page is now open**
- c. **American Welding Society '[Welder Training Scholarships](#)' is open as well.**

****Not all of the above scholarships are related directly to Northland Community and Technical College. I just wanted to make sure that any high school student can be made aware of the scholarship opportunities available.**

Attendees:

Adam R; Ben M; Jason L; Kris W; Eric D; Brett B; Jeremy M; Brad T; Tom L; Mike C; Amanda H; Joel Z;

Online: Robert H; Soren; Greg C; Travis O; Tanya R