

TRF Welding Advisory Committee

AGENDA

6p Room 635 In-Person/Zoom

6 May 2026

Zoom Link: <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/99108513039>

1. Welding Lab

- a. New Equipment - Perkins
 - i. 5 – Aspect 230
 - ii. Cooper cobot
 1. Was brought up whether or not the students could see the g and m codes generated; Joel to check with Lincoln Automation
- b. What else should the program have?
 - i. Look into lower powered laser cutter – medium priority
 - ii. Additive printing (3-D) with laser and metal was mentioned; concerns of how much design the students would need before using – low priority

2. Curriculum – Joel Z

- a. Print Reading and CNC Fundamentals changed from flex lab to in-person
 - i. Comparison for Blueprint Reading FY25 and FY26 attached
 1. Overall average went down, but there were more students that stopped showing up to bring the average down. Going to try for one more year in-person
- b. Replace GTAW 2 with GMAW 4 – thoughts? Descriptions attached
 - i. Committee felt this is a good move and provided more input for outcomes. ACTION: Joel to finish course description and get approved through the college process. More info will be available at the Fall meeting.

3. Enrollment

- a. Fiscal data and enrollment to be shared at meeting
- b. Graduate info to be shared at meeting
 - i. Anticipate 7 diploma grads and three unduplicated certificate grads.
- c. EGF has new instructor – Chase Fennell

4. College Admin

- a. Deans finally established
 - i. ADawn Nelson new CTE Dean
- b. MinnState allocation
 - i. MinnState wants to use 2-year college dollars to bail out the 4-years. Universities mis-managed their funds; colleges didn't, now the system wants to take money away from 2-years. This will likely result in programs closing at the 2-years. Please talk to local leadership, politicians, college admin, and anyone else to let them know how terrible this idea is.

5. Outreach:

- a. Kandiyohi County - May
- b. HS Intro to welding seminar - August
- c. CEG – in process

6. Additions:

- a. Material donations from Enbridge and Steffes
- b. **Behind the Mask** donations from Steffes, Central Boiler/Altoz, Linde, Lincoln Electric, Miller Electric, and many, many more
- c. Thoughts on having donators having logo posted on program website??
 - i. **Committee members felt this was a good idea. ACTION: Joel to send to the college marketing team.**
- d. WAEC in Cities – See Attachment

Attendees: Ben M, Travis D, Tom L, Mike C, Jason L, Adam R, Kris W, ADawn N, Joel Z

Online: Chase F, Gabe R