

**Chair of the meeting: Roger Wolfe, Welding Department Chair**

**Committee Members Present:** Brad Paglione, PCC; Jimmie Shasteen, Colorado Statewide Ironworker JATC; David Wolfel, SCCC; Gould Shriner, PCC; Jacob Drummond, PCC; John Warren, Atlas Pacific Engineering; Rick Sargent, PCC; Jeremy Gifford, Colorado Department of Corrections; Andy Bigler, Colorado Department of Corrections; David Salerno, Colorado Department of Corrections; Melissa Smith, Colorado Department of Corrections, CTE Program Coordinator; Matt Lawrenz, General Air Service and Supply; Gary Eveleigh, Johnny’s Boiler Shop Inc.; Leon Gil, ICM, Inc.; Kevin Parker II, General Air Service & Supply; Domenic Forner, EVRAZ; Barb Simms, PCC; Jennifer Sherman, Dean of Business and Advanced Technology, PCC.

**Guests:**

**Recording secretary: Susan Pelto**

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| Call to Order                             | The meeting was called to order at 11:57 am by Roger Wolfe.  |                      |
| Welcome and Introductions                 | Everyone introduced himself or herself.<br>Mr. Wolfe reviewed expectations for the new people present.<br>He thanked everyone for coming.<br>He announced that the following industry partners were receiving plaques in recognition of their support for the Welding program at PCC:<br>ICM, EVRAZ, Vestas, General Air, Johnny Boiler shop, Atlas Pacific, HCI, O’Neal, Trane. The plaques were custom made by students in the Machining program at PCC. Mr. Wolfe commented on the specific types of support given by each partner as he presented the plaques to representatives who were present. |                      |
| Approval of the December 10, 2012 Minutes | Gould Shriner moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Bigler seconded and the minutes were approved.  |                      |

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| Election of Committee Chair | Gil Leon volunteered and was elected to applause. There were no other nominations or volunteers.   | Gil Leon was elected Chair.   |
| Department Chair's Update   | <p>Mr. Wolfe announced that he is stepping down as department chair to resume teaching full time. He assured the committee that the department would be fine. The program has 16 full time and part time instructors who are all working to make sure things go smoothly.</p> <p>Dean Sherman announced that a new position, Faculty/Chair of Advanced Manufacturing, is being created and this position will be over several programs. She thanked Mr. Wolfe for his dedicated service and the improvements he has made while he was chair and this was greeted with applause.</p> <p>Mr. Wolfe reported that the program has had a big turnaround in soft skills. Instructors have been deducting points for being late, for using cell phones, not calling in absences, etc. It seems to be working.</p> <p>Please the Mr. Wolfe know if you have special projects which would be good field trip opportunities for students.</p> <p>Because the program had reports on students who have good welding skills, but zero interview skills, the department held mock interviews with volunteers. Some went well, others not so well. It was an eye-opener for some students. Next year we'll do more with interviews, perhaps videotaping them so students can see themselves.</p> <p>NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research): Mr. Wolfe reported that we probably won't have it by Fall, but we will get training for the full time faculty.</p> | <p>Please let Mr. Wolfe know if you have a good opportunity for a field trip.</p> <p>If you are willing to do mock job interviews, please let Mr. Wolfe know, 549-3239.</p> |
| Dean's Comments             | <p>Ms. Sherman reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of TAA grants will emphasize advanced manufacturing and are worth \$20M. Applications are due at the end of June. One part of the grant is the assurance of employer commitment: the willingness to interview, and consider for hire, successful completers of the program. Certain students are targeted with the grant: veterans, e.g. Fast tracking of students is a possibility.</p> <p>Mr. Forner noted that EVRAZ needs multi-crafted employees. They aren't looking for single-crafted applicants.</p> <p>Ms. Sherman noted that most employers want work experience.</p>   |   |

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|                      | <p>Mr. Forner said that students need to get into the industrial environment, to understand about safety, shift work.</p> <p>Mr. Salerno noted that it seems like applicants have experience but no education, or education, but no experience.</p>  |  |
| Certification Update | <p>Jacob Drummond that PCC has had a 41% success rate on the certification tests. There were zero failures for scarfing off. He thinks the success rate might be higher if students did not attempt the more difficult overhead and vertical welds, but they are proud of what they can do. There aren't as many failures due to "dumb stuff." He wasn't sure what to attribute the improvement to.</p>  |  |
| Concluding remarks   | <p>Mr. Wolfe commented that the instruction group in welding is never satisfied with where they are. They take seriously the suggestions made by the Advisory Committee members.</p> <p>He asked any employers in the group who have employees who were students who have not completed their degrees or certificates to please encourage them to complete the program. The College is evaluated and funded based on the number of students who complete their programs.</p> <p>Mr. Wolfe pointed out the email address in the agenda, <a href="mailto:offcampusjobs@pueblocc.edu">offcampusjobs@pueblocc.edu</a>, where job postings may be sent.</p> | <p>Please encourage employees to complete their degrees or certificates at PCC, if they haven't already.</p> |
| Adjournment          | <p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.</p>  |  |

Submitted by Susan Pelto.