



**Members Present:** Michael Mincic, Colorado State University-Pueblo; Daniel Trujillo, Colorado State University-Pueblo; Jim Valentine, Valentine Engineering

**PCC:** Joey Mathews, STEM Director; Jennifer Sherman, Dean of Business & Advanced Technology; Jamie Gage, Chair of Advanced Manufacturing Technologies; Amy Rye, CHAMP Director; Barb Simms, Academic Excellence Administrator; Susan Pelto, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Michael Gage, Director of Academic Advising

Agenda Item	Comments	Action
I. Welcome	Jamie Gage welcomed everyone and all the participants introduced themselves.	
II. Approval of Minutes	Jim Valentine moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. The motion was seconded and passed.	
III. Career Center and Software	Michael Gage, Director of Academic Advising, gave a presentation on the new job placement software, Career Connections, where employers can post jobs and, students and alumni can post resumes, portfolios and applications for jobs. It can be accessed through the college's website <a href="http://www.pueblocc.edu">www.pueblocc.edu</a> . His office will also search the database for employers. There is no cost to job posters.	
IV. High Schools	Jamie Gage announced that Pueblo City Schools is revamping many of its course offerings, and will include CAD and construction technologies. Ms. Gage asked for ideas on how we can contribute to this process for the benefit of students. Mincic: I'm very happy about this idea. A great opportunity for	Jamie Gage and Mincic will discuss it over the summer.

	<p>students. We'll have many retirees from this field in the next few years. I think we don't tell our own story so that students know they can take advantage of it. I think we need some marketing. I would be willing to team up on this.</p> <p>Valentine: When I was growing up, CAD always meant buildings and architecture. I think the skateboard idea is great.</p> <p>Gage: I agree that many students don't understand the potential for transferring to CSU-P.</p> <p>Mincic: I'm concerned about the public schools being able to keep up with developments and software and hardware.</p>	
<p>V. STEM Center</p>	<p>Joey Mathews was introduced as the new Director of STEM and CTE for PCC. She started March 1. She reported:</p> <p>We are developing a STEM Center which has been approved. It will include labs and classrooms and study group rooms. It will provide hands-on learning.</p> <p>We're also working on a STEM boot camp. It will give high school students an opportunity to explore all areas of STEM and put them on a pathway to a STEM degree.</p> <p>At the conference I attended yesterday, I learned that we will have 900+ openings in engineering in the Pueblo area in the next 5 years.</p> <p>We will also be offering an introductory engineering class. I would like to invite speakers to that class.</p> <p>We'll have a recruitment event on June 16 and I invite all of you to attend.</p> <p>Flyers and brochures were handed out.</p> <p>PCC has made the Associate of Science degree stronger in math and science so students are prepared for almost any 4-year STEM related degree.</p> <p>Some of our students have started pre-entry advising at CSU-</p>	

	<p>P to make a smoother transition. Jamie Gage commented that the coordination with CSU-P is going well. It is helping to get students focused on getting the bachelor's and not just the associate's.</p> <p>Mincic: With demands from the legislature, picking the right classes is critical.</p> <p>Jamie Gage: We need to look at which jobs will work with an associate's degree. There seems to be more demand for the bachelor's. The focus may be more on transfers.</p> <p>Mincic: We [CSU-P] have a stake in making sure the transfer students are successful and complete the bachelor's.</p>	
<p>VI. Industry Needs, Coops, Internships and Employment</p>	<p>We have 10 interns available this summer. They will be working with BLM, the county on remodeling the Court House dome for a grant, and a construction company.</p> <p>Mincic: The federal government has revamped its hiring and career development systems. It is another area where there will be many retirees.</p>	
<p>VII. Good of the Order</p>	<p>The technical job fair will be held May 20 in the GATC building.</p> <p>Mincic: Jamie, David Trujillo and I have been working on the PROPEL grant for the last couple of years and we will be working on it again this summer.</p>	
<p>VIII. Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 am.</p>	

Submitted by Susan Pelto