

Minnesota West Community and Technical College
Electrical Program Advisory committee
Minutes of April 8th 2021

Members present:

Call to order: Secretary Trevor J. Humphrey called the meeting to order

Introductions

New Business:

1. Approval of old minutes.

Old minutes were not available for review during this meeting.

2. New Business

A. Officer Nominations

Moved by Trevor (Humphrey) to maintain existing officers and seconded by Gary (Olsen). Vote Unanimous.

B. Canby campus update - graduation April 27

Canby has been involved in lab upgrades and the riggers of teaching through covid. They are currently on track to graduate 9 students.

C. Jackson campus update - graduation April 26

Jackson campus is dealing with the same issue that covid presents but they are optimistic about the efforts made and continue to pursue a normal classroom experience. Currently have 20 first years students and 13 Graduating students.

D. Enrollment for fall semester

Enrollment has been a challenge as there is a lot of uncertainty but enrollment is up in both Candy (35 Applicants) and Jackson (27 Applicants).

E. Industry Partnerships (Donations)

This has been an ongoing program that is a dollar for dollar match going to the college. For every dollar donated there is a \$1 match to put towards upgrades and infrastructure. Border States has always been a great contributor to the programs and both campuses greatly appreciate the efforts. Kaller Automation donated \$35K in MCC equipment. Echo supply has also been very good about donations and donated conduit, strut and fixtures to the program for use in labs. This has been a Huge Boost to the college to leverage new equipment as well as using modern equipment that would be found in the industry. The college has used some of these resources for a 12KW solar system and a scissor lift. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

F. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)

This program has 2 Million in proposals and 2.5 mil in issued relief funds with \$500,000 of that going directly to students. With these funds both campuses would like to expand the lab space to meet current spacing needs. This will require more equipment as well as new upgraded equipment. Campuses will also pursue more Lab trainers, a hydraulic bender and a threader. Jackson is also looking for more lab tools, ladders and expanding lab stations as previously stated.

G. Rising cost of supplies verse shrinking budgets

As material costs skyrocket both campuses are burdened with lack of budget increases, harder to find materials and limited supply chains. A revised budget has been requested to combat these current issues.

H. Average Donations per year to each campus

Jackson did have specific numbers but was guessed to be a couple thousand per year. Canby agreed that they had a very similar situation.

J. Minutes

Judy (Drown) Suggested that a representative from Campus be assigned to take notes during the meetings.

Moved to adjourned by Trevor and seconded by Gary. Vote Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.