

Diesel Advisory Board

December 4, 2014

Present: Bob Raveling, Montevideo Kibble Equipment, Scott Oberg, Kibble Equipment, Barry Erickson, Titan Machinery, Pipestone, MN, Chuck Vlaminc, Vlaminc Repair, Morgan Hullinger, RDO Equipment, John Campbell, CNB, Slayton, Pete Girard, Diesel Instructor, Lyle Kruse, Diesel Instructor, Adam Johnson, Scott Cowan, Scott Buysse, Student Representative, Rebecca Weber, Campus Dean, Barbara McDonald, Interim President, Vanessa Ruether, Campus Marketing, Deb Full, Campus Resource Specialist.

1. Marketing: Vanessa Ruether, Campus Marketer, spoke about the number of applicants to the fall 2015 Diesel program and that there are currently 11 applications. She talked about the forms of media we use to market the Diesel program including College and High school visits, Career fairs, Tech Search, and she talked about the upcoming Diesel Extravaganza and the Bremer Finish Line Grant for students residing in Redwood and Lyon Counties.
2. Extravaganza: Will be held at the Canby campus on Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We are doing programs shadowing, Educational sessions, Whopper Feed, Door Prizes and a Raffle. Vanessa handed out flyers to all in attendance. Vendors are welcome and encouraged to attend.
3. Rebecca Weber, Campus Dean, spoke about her dual role in both Granite Falls and Canby campuses as Campus Dean. PSEO, Post Secondary Education Opportunity is for students in high school that want to take post secondary classes. There is a need in high schools for more classes in technical areas; we currently have 12 courses High school students can take.
4. Barbara McDonald, interim President spoke about interviews for the new president which will take place in April. She talked about the change in our marketing as we want to be the partner of choice for businesses. The President's Advisory Board is a regional group providing advice on what we can do better, how to grow our programs. They meet quarterly and industry will be a part of the group. Senator Weber challenged the group to come up with ideas. 2 bonding projects have been approved; 1 in Jackson for Power line and 1 in Canby for Solar. She spoke about Charting the Future and how it is a 3 year process. A poster Gallery Walk was held in Canby and Worthington in November and was well attended by the community giving input on the ideas presented.
5. AGCO partnership: Pete talked about how Paul from Ziegler Cat. helped to get a partnership /agreement to use training aids, internships, scholarship and to train our instructors with AGCO training sessions. Keep quality of students high. Pete encouraged other companies to follow their lead.
6. Diesel program review
 - a. Current enrollment is 14 second year students and 20 first year students with 2 more starting this spring. We are still on track with 72 credits for the AA S program.
 - b. Computerized diagnostics: Diagnostics is a 3 credit class. 1 cr. Lecture, 2 cr. Lab, Spring semester. Question was do they need more diagnostics training – we now have new tractors on campus for 3 months. Questions were how many pieces of equip do we need for our students to work on? We now have 3. Discussion was held on how every piece of equipment is different and what Pete does to the equipment in order for student testing. Scott Cowan, student rep gave a student view saying that it would be helpful to have a Green Star or Tremble system to work on and it would be helpful to have implement dealers bring in new equipment for students to work on. Internships provide the real life (hands on) experience. Industry can send specialists to MN West to train our students and instructors on new systems.

- c. GPS – Every student has to have basic GPS training, but don't need a lot of GPS experience. Electric/Hydraulics is the biggest areas they need. Kibble gave us a tractor with GPS and 15 hours of GPS to use to educate students. GPS theory is a 2 cr. Course just reading about it. Companies need specific requests as it is not a big deal to bring out a piece of equipment. The more students see equipment here, the better employee they are. For warranty reasons, new techs need to have a certain number of hours of training.
- 7. Program quality: Pete asked industry if Canby's program differs from other regional Diesel programs. Responses were that there was not much difference. Keep up what we are doing, instructors make the program strong. The only difference is when the student is committed as careers are wide open.
- 8. Discussion was held on changing the number of required credits for an AAS degree and electives along with the learning outcomes and course descriptions are too wordy. What we are proposing is in the technical area we make DSL 2131 Service Department Operations & Procedures 3cr, DSL 2145 Advanced Engines Theory 4cr, DSL 2150 Advanced Engines Lab 5cr, and DSL 2155 Diesel Engine Control Systems 3cr this would increase the require credits by 15 and leave 4 credits of technical electives. A motion was made and passed to approve the change of credits, program outcomes and other changes needed as described by Pete.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Full