

Minnesota West Community & Technical College  
Fluid Power Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 1, 2018  
Via conference call

Members present: Chris Khali, Josh Beck, Harmon Quesenberry, Tony Laleman, Abby Wilking, Dawn Regnier, Joel Timm, James Wee, Ty Bowen, Tom Midthun.

Welcome and reviewed last year's minutes. Discussed having a face-to-face meeting next year in Worthington.

- A. Reviewed 2017-2018 budget.
- a. Supplies –\$25,000 total.
  - b. Equipment – Updated software, multimeters, Automation Studio.
- B. Discussion Enrollment & recruiting.
1. High school trainer program and visits. Using our students for these also.
  2. Career fairs, on campus visits.
  3. New marketing person in Granite, doing a great job.
  4. Enrollment flat in Granite, four in 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 5 in 1<sup>st</sup> year.
  5. 36 Students in Worthington, 27 are from Industry.
  6. Scholarships. Two \$500 scholarships were awarded from the program and four \$500, \$1000, and a \$2500 were awarded from Myron Moser Family Fund.
- C. Discussed that the Skills Contest was held in Brooklyn Park this year, seven places were recognized, we had one 2<sup>nd</sup> year student place 6<sup>th</sup>, same as he did last year. All scores were lower this year. Mentioned I talked to Donna Polander from IFPS, and Carrie Tatman-Schwartz from NFPA about David graduating from high school and our program with an AAS at the same time, and that he passed both Certification tests and the local paper will be doing a story on him. Donna wants a copy of it to put in the Fluid Power Journal. Discussed the Hydraulic and Pneumatic Specialist exams, five took the Hydraulic but only two passed. Three took the Pneumatic, only 1 passed. This is consistent with industry, app 50% passing rate.
- D. Discussed the changes to the program, went much smoother this year, and might still have some minor tweaks as we go forward. Discussed the High School Career Academy started this year, we have 12 students from 4 area High Schools that have had Welding, Machining and our Mechatronics classes. We already have interest from some for next fall. We believe this will help enrollment.
- E. Trends in Industry (Advisory Input)
- The consensus is that the students still need to be versatile in all areas of hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical, plc's, mechanical, etc. Josh suggested focusing a little more on metric fittings as we are seeing more in industry.

Submitted by Tom Midthun