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Power Plant Operations

Centralia College

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTES

Friday, September 24, 2004
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Advisory Committee Members

Rick Bradshaw

**Gary Clark*

Patti Connolly

Jose Diaz

Roger Gestrine

Jim Guenther

Bob Gust

Barbara Hins-Turner

Brad Holmes

**Kim Howell*

Mark A. Johnson

**Mark S. Johnson*

**Charles Lascera*

**Duncan McCaig*

Pat McCarty

**Don McLeod*

Steve Miller

**Len Moreau*

Jay Pickett

Tanya Price

Barbara Revo

**Rob Smith*

Margie Taylor

Jeff Walsh

**Arnie Winkler*

**Roy Zimmerman*

*Denotes members not present

Committee Notes

1. Margie welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves.

Members were asked to review the notes from the June 25, 2004 meeting.

2. Roger updated members on the Powerplant Operations class. He reported he has 25 students. Members were informed on the SAIT curriculum and on how each book is broken down by quarter. He gave a brief overview of what the students will be studying.

Barbara Hins-Turner told members that the website is up and running but said it was a work in progress. She asked that members give specific information on jobs/job descriptions to Mark. Mark said we need industry authorization for our website in order to have posted information provided by the corporation.

Mark discussed NIULPI certification. He said NIULPI would like to base the certification test on a standard curriculum like SAIT's *Essentials* series.

Mark told members about the Reference Library and said Woodrow Call is going to ask all industry members for brochures, information, and any used equipment we can potentially use for training. Any titles of important people should be emailed to Mark.

Mark is continuing to work on the workforce survey but will need to get a more accurate profile of the industry. This will be continued at a later date.

3. Mark discussed industry tours. He asked members to send him names of companies willing to take students on tours.

Mark stressed the importance of having internships and said this is a great way to see if the student will fit in the environment. It will also help to create relationships with the company and the potential employee. Steve M. asked when students should begin the internship program. There was a unanimous decision to have the internship begin in-between the first and second year. He said we would like to place another 20 students in the internship program. There was concern on whether the internship should still include other majors or if it should be limited to the students in Power Plant Operations. A question was raised on whether these internships should still be paid. Members were asked to discuss this at the next meeting.

4. Other:

Mark said the Powerplant Operations class may not be able to run each fall quarter. He discussed expenses and said we will need to get more financing for the program in order to have the class each year. Another concern was flooding the market with too many students.

Mark told members his ideas for having class speakers. He said we need members from all areas of industry to give a wide range of topics. He asked members to bring important topics to him so a schedule of topics/speakers can be created.

Mark updated members on his trip to Hampden Engineering Corporation in Massachusetts. He discussed equipment for the "hands-on" laboratory and said it will take 1.3 million to get it up and running.

Mark would like to have a contact person from Seattle City Lights. Anyone with this information is asked to please email him.

5. Adjournment