

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - WELDING

April 6, 2022

5:30 PM

ZOOM: <https://lowercolumbia.zoom.us/j/6438097242>

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:40 pm

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Natasha Allen, Rob Cameron, Veronica De Jesus, Nate Enoch, Lance Ganieany, Tamra Gilchrist, Kyle Hurley, David Pittsley, Seth Thompson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Because of the meeting being done on Zoom, the minutes will be sent out by email to be approved.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. APPROVALS

i. K12 CTE CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

ii. COURSES AND CIP CODES

V. INDUSTRY UPDATES

Local 26 has 27% female in Longview facility and 14% overall. Nicole Page, a past LCC graduate, works in the local industry and has only positive comments about the pipefitters. They are keeping their apprentices busy and haven't brought in any new ones. Holding par but starting to pick back up. Family Apprenticeship Night at Kelso High School went well.

At Central Welding Business is staying solid. March was the best month in their history. There are equipment delays and they are having trouble getting some products. They are looking for welders/workers.

Work has been pretty good at Waite Speciality. Having trouble finding skilled workers. Need to get people more enthusiastic about welding. Some consumables are hard to get and some gases are hard to find.

VI. Education (LCC and K12) UPDATES

a. Labor Market

i. SW Washington:

1. Average annual salary \$51,090
2. Average hourly wage \$24.56
3. Average annual openings: 251

Data Source: <https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/learn-about-an-occupation#/details>

At Local 26 they start at \$27 an hour and it goes up every six months. This is about average for employees walking in the door if they can do the job.

b. Student Success/Performance/Equity

i. Placement Rate in workforce (96%)

LCC Fact Book: <https://services4.lowercolumbia.edu/info/webresources/Institutional-Research/FactBook2020-21.pdf>

1. LCC: 91% Male/9% Female (Precision Production)
2. Longview: 66% Male/34% Female (Skilled & Tech Science)
3. Kelso: 73% Male/27% Female (Skilled & Tech Science)
4. Kalama 69% Male /31% Female (Skilled & Tech Science)
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c. K12 Updates

Wahkiakum is coming along like always. Students need more exposure. They have 65-70 students with 3 courses available. It was suggested that they might think about a local Industry Tour. There are grants available.

At Kelso, business is doing good. They are teaching welding 5 periods a day with 122 kids. There are a lot more female students in the classes than in the past.

d. LCC Updates

i. Current enrollment

33 students with 10 being female. Some of the students are taking more than one Welding class. Our percentage has gone up.

ii. New program changes starting Summer 2022

Oxyacetylene welding will no longer be taught. Increase in solid wire. WPS for every single weld reference familiar with welding procedures.

iii. New curriculum changes starting Summer 2022

Adding Machine Shop classes to a degree.

iv. New co-op & special meeting

David is setting up a special meeting to explain what Co-op is and how the industry can participate. We need partners in the program.

v. High school weld competition

We still don't know if we will get permission to have it this year. We are waiting for approval.

vi. New vocation building update

Talks are going well. Solid floor plan. Awesome layout.

VII. LCC Employment Navigator - Veronica De Jesus

She is a bridge between employers and job seekers. She would like to connect with employers to see what positions are available, what types of jobs are being offered, and the salaries. She would like to participate in Industry tours and the Co-op meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

An Industrial Trades Foundation Course is being offered at LCC next year. It will consist of Machining and Welding. Our goal is to get 10 students from each district to participate.

X. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS

XI. NEXT MEETING (DATE/TIME/PLACE):

Did not set a date/time for the next meeting. Would like it to be in person and possibly on a Friday.

XII. RESOURCES

- a. [ADVISORY COMMITTEE HANDBOOK](#)
- b. [LCC: Professional-Technical Advisory Committees Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. [The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, Public Law 105-332](#)
- d. [College Advisory Committee Procedures](#)
- e. [K12 CTE Advisory Committee Procedures](#)
- f. **Terms:**
 - i. **V-Code:** Vocational (V) Code. This is tied to the certification code and dictates the K12 courses that a teacher is certified to teach. The teachers'

education or industry experience is reviewed to determine the V-codes for certification.

- ii. **CIP Code:** Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code. A federally accepted course and program code that identifies courses taught throughout the United States, this includes CTE courses. CIP codes are aligned to V-codes that clarify which courses the teacher has been certified to teach in K12. CIP codes are also used for reporting purposes from the district to OSPI and college to the SBCTC.

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