

**Advisory Committee Interview Notes**  
**FABRICATION/WELDING TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**June 8, 2011**

The CTECC interviewed Division Dean, Paul Croker; Lane Advisory Committee Coordinator and Faculty, Allen Laskey, and Faculty, Mark Huntington. They are currently searching for a new Community Advisory Committee Chair.

**1) Committee Accomplishments: Meeting Expectations**

The committee tries to get as many steel trades involved as possible, from fabrication shops, like Far West Steel. Participation has decreased recently; interest is waning with the economy. When the employers need them most, then they have better participation, the employers haven't had need lately for new employees.

The committee meets once each term for a general meeting, and then sub-committees connect. There are eight regular members at this time, with half employers and half faculty. Several continue to attend regularly. Allen does invite members from the community, but they don't have a formal recruiting process. They find that front-line supervisors, their managers, and workers from the shop floor are the preferred members. They have also had students on their committee. Al is the key member to get things done.

**2) Committee Involvement in Planning and Design: Needs Improvement**

Committee members are the employers, and are very interactive with students. They can observe the detail of the projects that the students work on.

**3) Gender, Disability Adaptation, and Diversity: Needs Improvement**

There are five women this term, but generally 3-4 in the program. The industry continues to still be male dominated.

**4) Program Demand / Enrollment: Meets Expectations**

There are 129 students, with 42% starting in Fall and finishing in the Spring. Generally 17-20 students continue into the second year. Students generally start in the fall, but if they choose to start winter, they are encouraged to start in the single skills classes. Some are completing degrees and some are taking a few classes for additional training. With lack of employment opportunities, many of the students continue to take additional classes. They find that many students are not college ready, as well as facing the challenge of finding funding. The level of math requirement is basic arithmetic. There is not currently a pre-requisite. Students on the wait list are encouraged to take their math and writing courses to be prepared for their advanced tech classes. The students are learning blue printing everyday. They keep a ridged attendance policy that the students must comply with.

**5) Placement / Employment: Meets Expectations**

Many students need to leave the area for employment. A few students, perhaps 10%, will participate in Co-op Ed opportunities, but it is not a requirement. Employers are looking for skill level and work ethics. Some students report back by word-of-mouth with follow up on their employment. They have looked at a variety of incentives to get students to follow up with reporting their employment situation, including a mentorship with committee members

**6) Secondary / Postsecondary Connections: Meets Expectation**

Committee members participate in College Now and Hands on Career Days. The reduction of faculty limits time available for other opportunities.

**7) Questions for the CTECC Interview Committee:**

The committee would appreciate assistance with a structured committee recruitment procedure.

CTECC Comments:

Kristin encouraged inviting a high school teacher to serve on their committee.

Craig brought up that the I-Best program that Washington colleges are using may come to Oregon if they can get a grant to assist with math skills during their advanced tech classes to compliment their training.

Paul shared that he likes to visit the community employers at their businesses to recruit.

Greg feels the CTECC needs to assist them to promote a more vibrant committee.

The CTECC recommended that while Greg Wilton is out and about picking up materials and equipment that he could take the opportunity to connect with the businesses to recruit for the advisory committee members, and includes these individual contacts as part of the committee participation.

CTECC suggests holding the complete committee meeting once a year and having the sub-committees meet more often.

The CTECC suggested recruiting women on the committee.

Marv helps with recruiting for all the Advanced Tech committees, and can work with Paul for follow up.