

Advisory Committee Interview Notes
MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 16, 2011

The CTECC interviewed Division Dean, Paul Croker; Lane Advisory Committee Coordinator and Faculty, Al Hill; and Community Advisory Committee Chair, Glen Bjurling with Parker Hannifin.

1) Committee Accomplishments: Meets Expectations

Their committee is made up of local manufacturers and some business owners. They have invited tooling members and high school instructors to join the committee. They look to committee members for job prospects, as well as to help track employment and current trends, to keep up with the latest technology and software packages. They try to keep a 5 year commitment to specific software to stay at the level of the employers. They receive good feedback on what they want in their top performing employees, getting a good cross section. The committee meets three times a year, usually after work. The members' current employees come to Lane for their training. It's a good partnership.

2) Committee Involvement in Planning and Design: Meets Expectations

Their committee is involved in curriculum development. As a result they now have a real classroom and obtained a new magnifier through Perkins. They are involved with High School Connections, and Advanced Tech will offer introductory programs for RTEC.

3) Gender, Disability Adaptation, and Diversity: Meets Expectations

Regarding gender, there are 2 women currently enrolled, which is average, but sometimes there are as many as 4-5. IRAP data indicates there are 2 Hispanics, 1 Asian, 1 black, and 6 unknown.

4) Program Demand / Enrollment: Meets Expectations

Twenty students is a full house and they have taken 25-30, but 25 is maximum, so there is not a lot of room to grow. There are 46 students on the waiting list. It is a popular program with a good reputation. Typically most of their students are older, with some from the military and quite a few engineers coming back for the basics they didn't get previously.

The program now has a bit more classroom space, but they are limited on number of machines with limited floor space. They are working on having 2 classrooms side by side to expand their current space. There are 2 sessions, morning and afternoon, which helps with the space challenge.

5) Placement / Employment: Meets Expectations (Note: economy has limited placements)

The industry is still competing against China. Glen suggested they continue to work together and be smarter.

6) Secondary / Postsecondary Connections: Exceeds Expectations

They have articulation and are working on RTEC. There are high school teachers on committee.

7) Questions or Comments for the CTECC Interview Committee:

Would love to have Margaret involved for special drafting classes for Manufacturing Technology

CTECC Comments: