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VENTURA COLLEGE
Diesel Mechanics Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Blane Schloo, Ed Gibbs Sr., Ed Gibbs, Jim Beck, Matt McBride, Roy Quintana, Adam O’Leary, Michael Ashley, Gerry Pantoja, Raquel De Los Santos, Felicia Dueñas, Lupe Vera, Russell Gardner

Recorder: Felicia Dueñas

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action	Assigned to:
Call to order	The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.		Blane Schloo
Introductions	Each attendee introduced themselves and what company they work for.		Blane Schloo
Approval of meeting minutes	Matt McBride moved to approve the November 2022 meeting minutes. Russell Gardner seconded the motion.	The November 2022, meeting minutes were approved.	Blane Schloo
Student Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Blane reviewed the fall 2023 schedule.▪ Felicia provided an overview of our recruitment and marketing strategies.▪ The program could use assistance in identifying other venues to reach adults and those who may be looking for a career change.▪ Ed would like to ask each of the advisory members to recruit two students each. He distributed the marketing brochure and asked Gerry Pantoja to provide an overview of the scholarship application process.▪ Gerry provided an overview of the VC College Foundation scholarship application process. There is one application for over 400 scholarships. The scholarship application window is from October and January. Scholarships are awarded in April. For continuing students try to put scholarship package of approximately \$2200 and \$4000 for transfer students.▪ Gerry clarified that if we would like to simplify the process and provide grants to all diesel students it could be done. Grants would need to be made available to all eligible students.	The college will send marketing materials to industry partners who request them	Blane Schloo Felicia Duenas Ed Gibbs
Career Center Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Raquel provided an overview of the services available at the Career Center and how the Center can support students and employers.▪ Raquel shared that companies can still register until tomorrow for next week’s career fair.		Raquel De Los Santos
Curriculum Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ New content or courses. Ed Gibbs did a survey of other programs’ content. There were two areas that are not currently covered by our program: welding and manual transmissions. Ed solicited feedback from advisory members. Velocity mentioned that transmission and clutch installations are one of the difficult tasks for technicians. Not really seeing rebuilds anymore. Mike Aspen agreed. Jim Beck stated that manual transmissions is still important. Welding is absolutely necessary. Blane mentioned that he would love single counter shaft 6-speed transmissions would be great to give students the experience to break it down and see how it	Advisory approved proposed curriculum changes	Blane Schloo

	<p>works. The program does not have dedicated bench transmissions. On top of the welding, need to know how to cut – oxy acetylene.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blane provided an overview of curriculum changes. Some of the course units have been reduced in order to allow students to graduate in 4 semesters. Separate lecture and lab courses are being combined into one lecture/lab course. Exploring using Cengage instead of CDX, which will give students access to any Cengage book for two years for \$250. ASE test prep and SP2 are also included. ▪ Advisory members mentioned that they like Cengage including ASE test prep. Advisory members who completed UTI curriculum said the changes seem to more closely align with how UTI offered courses. ▪ Are there other additional courses that we should consider adding? ▪ Advanced electrical will include multiplexing, scanning for engine codes (NED software, Snap-On scanner, Insight), graph reading. Advanced electrical is critical in the diesel industry. ▪ Blane reviewed the current pathway and what the new pathway may look like. ▪ Russell Gardner moved to approve proposed changes. Mike Aspen seconded the motion. 		
Other Business / Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No other business or announcements 		Blane Schloo
Dates for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Advisory Meetings	Blane will select some dates for fall 2023 and spring 2024 meetings and send to advisory members.		Blane Schloo
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.		Blane Schloo