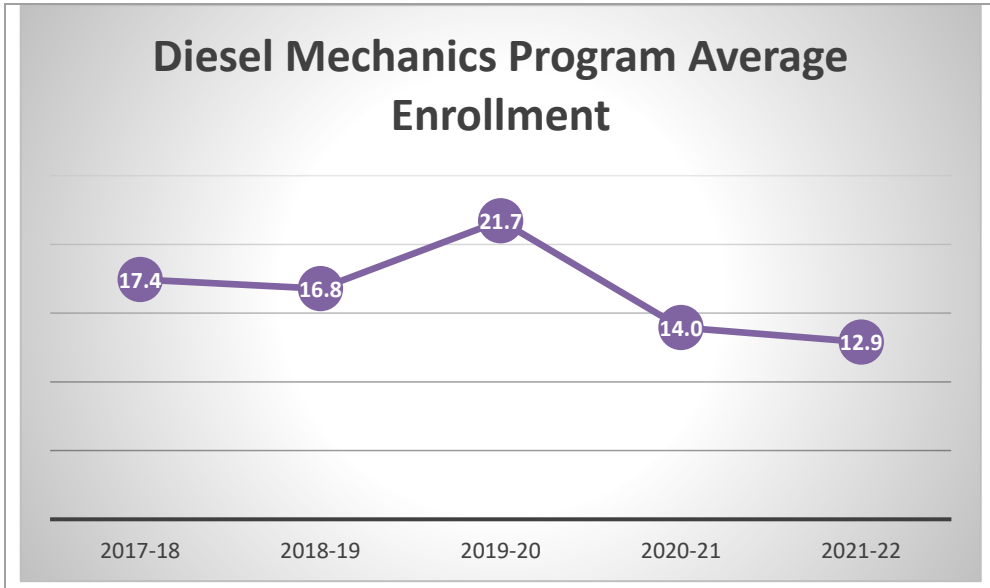
VENTURA COLLEGE
Diesel Mechanics Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Present: Adam Olearny, Justin Franch, Edwin Borrayo, Russell Gardner, Frank Ramos, Carl Stolworthy, Brian Burgess, Tom Powers, Michael Ashely, Victoria Vasquez, Vanessa Stofler, Spencer Quinn, Matt McBride, Anne Paul King, Gerry Pantoja, Danny Comando, Jesus Gonzalez, Greg Rickel, Margaret Schoep, Kim Hoffmans, Lupe Vera, Blane Schloo, Felicia Dueñas
Recorder: Eileen Crump

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action	Assigned to:
Call to order	The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.		Blane Schloo
Introductions	Each attendee introduced themselves and what company they work for.		Blane Schloo
Approval of meeting minutes	Anne King moved to approve the November 17, 2021, meeting minutes. Kim Hoffmans seconded the motion. The November 17, 2021, meeting minutes were approved.		Blane Schloo
Program History & Vision	2015 attorney Matt LaVere later County of Ventura Supervisor approached Ventura College with the idea of partnering with Gibb Trucks to create a Diesel Mechanics program at Ventura College. Gibbs Truck Center needed trained diesel mechanics to work for their company. Kim Hoffmans the Dean of Academics Affairs at the time was instrumental in finalizing the partnership. Brian Burgess created the Diesel Mechanics curriculum for Venture College. Industry partners are essential in helping develop the Diesel Mechanics program. Industry partners inform the Diesel Mechanics program what new equipment is needed and the current trends in the field. Industry partners also serve as ambassadors for the program.		Kim Hoffmans, Anne King
Advisory Board Overview	• A group of individuals who represent a cross-section of an occupational area. ▪ Serves a key role in assisting career and technical education programs to remain dynamic and in touch with its community and industry partners. ▪ Business and labor representation should comprise the majority of the membership.		Blane Schloo
Role of Advisory Council	▪ Make recommendations, give advice, and provide input to keep programs current and prepare students for careers in the field. ✓ Skills, knowledge, competencies required for occupations. ✓ New industry standards and trends ✓ New content, courses, programs based on labor market data. ✓ It is NOT empowered to set policy. ✓ Teaching methodologies are determined by college faculty.		Blane Schloo

Duties of Advisory Members	1.Make recommendations, give advice, and provide input to keep programs current and prepare students for careers in the field 2. Assist in securing resources 3. Help identify qualified part-time faculty 4. Help recruit new students 5. Inform the public of services the college can provide		Blane Schloo
Federal Mandate	The Diesel Program receives yearly funding to improve its technical education program from the Carl D. Perkins Grant. <u>Federal</u> The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins) is the federal legislation that funds career and technical education (CTE) nationwide. It was most recently reauthorized in 2019 as the Strengthening Career and Technical Education Act for the 21st Century (Perkins V). CTE programs receiving federal funding through Perkins must "have extensive business and industry involvement, as evidenced by not less than one annual business and industry advisory committee meeting" (Section 135(b) of Perkins).		Blane Schloo
State Mandate	California Code of Regulations Title 5. Education Division 6. California Community Colleges *§55601*: Appointment of Vocational Education Advisory Committee *The governing board of each community college district participating in a vocational education program shall appoint a vocational education advisory committee to develop recommendations on the program and to provide liaison between the district and potential employers.*		Blane Schloo
Review of Course Curriculum	<u>Questions to Consider</u> ▪ Are the student learning outcomes realistic? ▪ What skills do workers need in your field? Are we teaching the knowledge and skills that industry recognizes for entry-level employees in the field? ▪ Are there new content or courses that need to be added? ▪ Are there content or courses than no longer need to be required? ▪ Are there equipment/facilities that you can identify that would better prepare students to enter your field? ▪ What changes/trends are occurring that will affect employer needs?		Blane Schloo

Diesel Mechanics Associate in Science Degree	Blane Schloo reviewed the Program Student Learning Outcomes and course requirements for the associate's degree and certificate programs. See the attached PowerPoint for detailed information.		Blane Schloo
Diesel Engine Repair Certificate of Achievement	See April 14, 2022 PowerPoint.		Blane Schloo
Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicle Repair Certificate of Achievement	See April 14, 2022 PowerPoint.		Blane Schloo
Course Offerings by Semester	Blane outlined the diesel course sequencing and courses offered by semester. See the attached PowerPoint for detailed information.		Blane Schloo, Felicia Dueñas
Enrollment Data	 Blane Schloo provided enrollment data for the past five years. He indicated that course enrollments had peaked prior to the pandemic but similar to other career education programs and college programs overall enrollment dropped during the height of the pandemic in 2020-21 and 2021-22.		Blane Schloo
Program Graduates	Blane provided an overview of the number of graduates per year since 2018 through 2021.		Blane Schloo

Program Needs	Facilities ▪ Diesel shop needs to be large enough to expand the program and support industry needs. Internships. ▪ Develop Internships that would allow students to gain experience during the winter and summer breaks. ▪ Current Internships with Gibbs Truck Center. ▪ Create Part-time positions that would allow students to work in the industry while completing their education Facility Tours		Blane Schloo
Recent Donations	Blane highlighted recent donations, which included: ▪ Book vouchers (student online bundles) ▪ Student scholarships ▪ Program endowment		Blane Schloo
Facilities Update	Blane shared the plans for the diesel lab facilities that will be on the Ventura College main campus. The lab will be in the same building as the automotive and welding programs.		Blane Schloo
Next Advisory Meeting	Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Thursday, April 20, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm		Blane Schloo
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.		Blane Schloo