

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Power Plant Operations

Centralia College

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTES

Friday, September 16, 2005

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Advisory Committee Members - Present

Industry

Rick Bradshaw

Patti Connolly

Jim Guenther

Bob Gust

Jay Pickett

Steve Milistefr

Duncan McCaig

Len Moreau

Brad Holmes

Barbara Revo

Centralia College

Diana Bradshaw

Jose Diaz

Roger Gestrine

Barbara Hins-Turner

Mark A. Johnson

Steve Miller

Tanya Price

Jeff Walsh

Dr. James Walton

GUESTS:

Alice Curtis, Labor and Industries

Pinley Dale, South Seattle Community College

Brent Dous, Panglobal Training Systems

Dory Jackman, Eastern Oregon University –Portland Campus

Dave La Land, Centralia College

Richard Larson, Big Bend Community College

Mary Ann Medlin, Centralia College

Committee Notes

1. Dr. Walton welcomed the committee and thanked them for their participation.
 - Appreciation of Outgoing Leadership/Faculty
 - Linda Chambers, TransAlta
 - Margie Taylor, TransAlta
 - Jeff Walsh, 2004-05 Centralia College adjunct instructor
 - Roger Gestrine, 2004-05 Centralia College adjunct instructor
 - Mark Johnson, 2004-05 Director of the Center of Excellence
2. Barbara Hins-Turner, new Executive Director for the Center of Excellence, introduced Steve Milistefr, the new Chair for the Centralia College and UETA Advisory Board Committee.

3. Steve Milistefr asked members for their approval of the changes/revisions on the ATA for Energy Technology and the Certificate of Proficiency in the Power Operations curriculum.

Members were asked if there were any questions or concerns over the new curriculum. Barbara Revo motioned for the approval of the programs. No members were opposed. Motion was carried.

4. Steve discussed the Skills Panel Grant. Barbara Hins-Turner said the contract is being drafted and should be received for signature within the next week. Steve stressed to members the necessity to come together to identify the power generation skills sets for technical training. He asked for volunteers to commit to spending a significant amount of time developing the skill sets and if not, to please begin recruiting members of their companies to join the panel. Jay Pickett and Patti Connolly of PSE, and Rick Bradshaw of Chehalis Power, volunteered.
5. Diana Bradshaw, Energy Technology instructor for Centralia College, discussed the 2005-06 school year. She said she would touch on Hydro, Solar, Wind, Coal powered plants and some on the electrical side of pulp/paper mills. Electrical industry, blackouts, safety, as well as more in-depth topics will be discussed. She is seeking industry input and asked members to review the curriculum and to forward their thoughts on subjects/topics that may be missing. She asked members consider being guest speakers and noted Duncan McCaig, Plant Manager from Chehalis Power, has committed to speaking about Revenue sometime fall quarter. Classes will visit Chehalis Power for a tour as well as instruction.

Patti Connolly asked if all the members can receive syllabi for the courses being taught for the fall quarter 2005-06. Tanya Price will send out the information via email.

Diana told members she will be sending out a list of items she would like them to donate for her classes. *She discussed the importance of students having a “hands-on” experience and the “open door” policy she will be implementing. Students have the option to spend more one-on-one time with the instructor throughout the day.

*Barbara Revo said she would be willing to get items to donate.

6. Steve discussed the online training course being developed through Centralia College. He told members this course is a basic math for the BPA apprenticeship program. Jay Pickett, as well as other members, had concerns about an online course being unsuccessful due to interaction. Dave La Lond, the Department Chair of Applied Technology at Centralia College, discussed Centralia College’s format for “hybrid” online learning. He said we want to give students the chance to have interactive learning. Using interactive television for about a four hour block

each week as well as online course work will help make the entire experience more successful. Members all agreed a hybrid style would be preferable.

7. Other Informational Items:

Career Day – Brad Holmes suggested having a career day for students. He would like to have students visit different industries and be able work alongside employees in their different settings/positions.

Student Visitation – Rick Bradshaw thought it would be nice to see students get a chance to be on-site when big projects are happening at the different industries.

Liability – Pinley Dale mentioned to members to be thinking about liability when hiring interns. She said her institution is liable when students are interning. However if they are students in an apprenticeship program, then the company is liable for L&I. She asked members to be aware of this and to be thinking of what they will want to do in the future with all their students.

Next Meeting – Will be in approximately three months. A notice will be going out when a tentative date has been decided on.

8. Meeting Adjourned