ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:	GRAM COMMITTEE NAME: Manufacturing Technologies Department		
CHAIRPERSON: Virgil Hoesch			
MEETING DATE: November 3, 2011	MEETING TIME: 4:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE: East Campus Building V	
RECORDER: Debra Russell		PREVIOUS MEETING: First combined meeting	

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Agenda Item	Action / Discussion / Information	Responsibility
Old Business:	No old business	
Continuing Business:	No continuing business	
New Business:	Welcome / Introductions	Virgil Hoesch, Dr. Kim Hays
Curriculum Decisions:	Program Updates, Equipment Overview	Robert Johnson, Robert Gustin, Jimmy Bradshaw
Other:	Nontraditional Student Participation	Dr. Kim Hays
	Open Discussion	All

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Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Old Business:	This is the first meeting for the Manufacturing Technologies Department. All Advisory Committee meetings before were representative of each individual program within the department.
Continuing Business	No continuing business
New Business:	Welcome and introductions were made. Dr. Hays went over the meeting agenda. He explained some of the requirements contained in the Advisory Committee Handbook that was included in members' packets. Mr. Vince Britten is attending as a community representative. Dr. Hays also pointed out the fact that most of the programs in the Manufacturing Technologies dept share resources such as classrooms/labs, teachers and equipment.
Curriculum Decisions:	Copies of curriculum rotations were included in members' packets. Dr. Hays mentioned that many classes are shared between the programs such as Blueprint Reading & Sketching from the Welding program and the Precision Tools & Measurement class from the Machining program. Enrollment numbers: FA 10: 32 SP 11: 11 FA 11: 69 - Started using Precision Tools & Measurement as a support course. Majors: 9 - Need more majors, but cannot have extremely large classes because not all students will have a machine to work on.

Bob Gustin: Machining

Received a grant from AEDC of \$138,000. Have purchased a turning center, a CNC machine center and planning on buying updated manuals with more digital readouts. One of the female students is now working at Amarillo Gear and doing very well. The Machining program is in the process of being accredited by NIMS - National Institute of Metalworking Skills. Students are not required to attain NIMS certifications, but are encouraged. John Cunningham, from Amarillo Gear, stressed that he is very supportive of the effort for students to get the NIMS certifications because of the standards that they must reach. They are "real world training" for students and wanted by employers.

	Enrollment numbers: FA 10: 147 SP 11: 218 FA 11: 80 - Bob explained the reason for the decrease in enrollment is because at first the Industrial Maintenance taught several classes for the Wind Energy program but they are now teaching most of their own classes. Majors: 58
Bob Johnson: Industrial Maintenance	
	Enrollment numbers: FA 10: 128 SP 11: 178 FA 11: 189 Majors: 58
Jimmy Bradshaw: Welding	Several years ago, Amarillo College adopted SENSE curriculum from AWS. Would like to add some courses to give students more options. Jimmy reported that in the Texas Panhandle there is more focus on the oil and gas industry and less in manufacturing meaning that training includes more arc welding and less wire. Students don't seem to want to leave Amarillo for jobs. Charlie Bailey from ASARCO said they have ten fabricators in their shop and five of them are almost ready for retirement. Jimmy said he sees a big need for fabricators but we don't have enough funds to afford extensive training in this area. Contract training continues for several companies in Amarillo.
Other:	
	Dr. Hays pointed out that we have several female students and they are doing very well.
Open Discussion:	There was a lengthy discussion about internships for the students. They could prove to be a good investment for both students and employers. Internships help students by tying what they are learning to what they are working on in their jobs. John Cunningham suggested some kind of training for management to know how to evaluate and interface with student interns and the college.

Open Discussion:	It was pointed out that sometimes our students get jobs before they finish their program, but then their employer won't work with them to allow them to finish school. More and more State funding is being tied into "completers". The requirement is gradually evolving to having 15 completers in three years or lose funding. It was mentioned that OSU has an intern program where students sign contracts - students commit to college and company. Helps completion rate and employers already know who they get to work for them.
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CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE:	DATE:	NEXT MEETING:
	November 3, 2011	Undecided at this time.