

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

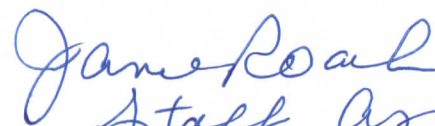
PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:		Truck Driving Academy Board Advisory Meeting			
CHAIRPERSON:		Charlie Sanchez			
MEETING DATE:		12/3/14	MEETING TIME:	11:30 am	MEETING PLACE:
RECORDER:		Janie Roach		PREVIOUS MEETING:	Country Barn Steak House
COMMITTEE MEMBERS					
List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name of those present					
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x	Janie Roach	Senior Staff Assistant	Amarillo College TDA	806-335-4370	jroach@actx.edu
AGENDA ITEM		ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION			RESPONSIBILITY
Old Business:		Last Advisory Board meeting was held on 12/2012			Rusty Dillon

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Continuing Business:		
New Business:	<p><u>Rusty</u>: Truck Driving Academy is now Logistic Training Center. AC purchased 2 business trucks. We are still offering 16 classes per year with 16 students per class. Hereford accepts 8 students. Dumas (Moore County) campus will open up a Truck Driving school in January 2015 and will accept 4 students. All students and employees are in a uniform now. Uniform policy is enforced as much as possible. AC strives to get feedback from members of Advisory Board regarding our students and encourages any suggestions on how we can improve.</p> <p><u>Bob</u>: Federal Regulations have been a challenge. Keeping up with the technical aspect of the course can be intimidating for students, especially students that are between 35-40 years old. Some students are reluctant to use the technical equipment in the trucks. AC has two satellite schools, Hereford and now Dumas plus 4 simulators. Drivers benefit from using the simulator. Amarillo has a driver shortage because the market is saturated. AC TDA students are low in the education level but can still finish the course and be good drivers. Some student may only have an 8th-10th grade education.</p> <p>Advertising with the Globe News has had a good response. An advising board member suggested using Craigs List because of its free service to the public. AC needs younger students (young blood) to attend the program. The average age for a driver is 59 years old. Judy Plelps made a suggestion for AC TDA to target middle school job fairs and letting young students know of the opportunities of Truck Driving. Bob reported that North Heights is interested in starting a CDL program for their students 18 years and older.</p> <p>Bob wants more women in the course as well. Mentioned that it is easier for women to be in the industry because trucks are easier to drive now and loading and unloading is no longer done by the driver.</p> <p><u>Natalie</u>: Simulators are safer for a new student that has never driven a truck before. It simulates, night driving, driving in the snow, rain, and wind. It simulates a tire blow out, going up hills, driving in traffic, heavy and no traffic, and city driving. It also simulates obstacles such as deer and motorcycles. It has the capability of driving on automatic or shifting with 10-13 gears plus a hi-low split. One hour in the simulator is equal to 4 hours of driving time. Charlie Sanchez asked if using the simulator could correct bad driving habit and Natalie said yes it can. Natalie encouraged anyone interested could come by and use the simulator or it can be taken to their location for a demonstration.</p> <p>Bob: Discussion about insurance companies not allowing a student to be hired</p>	Rusty Dillon, Bob Mathews, Natalie Hardie.

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	because they require an employee to have 2 years of experience. There are companies that will hire a student right out of the Academy. A suggestion was mentioned for AC to have an "Open House" event to show prospective employers what AC is all about and what we do regarding our students. Members wanted to find out how much driving is done by the student and how they are trained to back up a trailer. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm and everyone agreed to meet again in 6 months.	
Curriculum Decisions:	Teach on various types of trailers that are used in the industry. Add mirror for "would you hire this person" sign.	
Other:		
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	DISCUSSION	
Old Business: Age of Drivers	Age of present driver employees is high. Above 55, younger replacements lacking.	
Continuing Business: Recruiting	Pay increases are appearing at various companies	
New Business: Simulator	Will open the use of simulator to companies	
Curriculum Decisions: Simulator	Expanded use of simulator in the class room.	
Other: Purchase new equipment	Replacement of older equipment - low mileage. Purchase trucks with 750,000 miles plus.	
Chairperson Signature:	Date: 12/3/14	Next Meeting: TBA in 6 months


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 Truck Driving Academy