

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME: Kritser Diesel Technology Advisory Committee AND Professional Truck Operations Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Jerry Edmonds

MEETING DATE: 12/03/2019 **MEETING TIME:** 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

MEETING PLACE: Dyer's Barbecue

RECORDER: Rebecca Archer

PREVIOUS MEETING: 11/30/18

List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name of those present

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EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT**

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X	Jerry Terry	Interim Chair Diesel / Truck Driving	Amarillo College	(806) 335-4385	jlterry@actx.edu

1. Welcome and Introductions
Introductions were made.

2. Approval of minutes
Brad Western moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Cindy Noyce seconded. Motion carried.

3. Director's reports
Jerry Terry announced that the Enrollment is up in the Diesel program this year. Last Spring, we had 28 students enrolled. This Fall we have 52 students, 23 of which are new. Of the new students, 11 have claimed the new Diesel Transportation Associate degree.

On the Truck Driving side, the classes are full with people waiting to get in. Mr. Terry announced that the new mandates coming from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) concerning entry level driver training are due to go into effect in February, 2020, however sources say that they may be delayed by as much as two years, due to the States not being ready. There has been no public announcement to that fact yet. He said Amarillo College is already meeting those mandates so we are in really good shape.

Jerry stressed to the committee members that we appreciate and need their input, recommendations, and suggestions in order to continually improve our programs. Mr. Terry spoke about the Perkins funding. He explained that, because of continuing budget cuts, we depend on Perkins to get a lot of our equipment. He said that their recommendations regarding equipment and would go a long way in helping us to secure Perkins Funding.

Brad Western asked if there were any plans to fill Brian Jacob's position. He wanted to know if we were looking for someone at this time. Jerry mentioned that for now he was filling that position in addition to running the Truck Driving Academy, but he was hopeful that they were looking for someone to step in to the Diesel Chair position. Mr. Western voiced concern that Brian was not only administrative, but also taught classes, so we are now behind regarding instructors. He didn't feel like 2 instructors were sufficient to handle the Diesel student load. Jerry said that we were also expanding the Diesel program to the prison system and that we were looking for additional instructors. Brad said he was concerned that the two remaining faculty members were being overloaded.

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4. Amarillo College strategic plan

Jerry Terry reminded the attendees of Amarillo College's Strategic Goal. We aimed to have a 70% Completion Rate by 2020. According to our data specialist, Colin Witherspoon, we should be able to meet that goal. Jerry said that on the truck driving side, we had 98% graduation rate last year. The program is an 8 week program (336 hours, with 64 hours being "behind the wheel" time.)

Jerry mentioned that in the walk around vehicle inspection there are 109 items that have to be identified by the correct name and they have to identify the defects that they are looking for during the inspection. He said statewide, the passing rate for the vehicle inspection is around 22%. He said our program boasts around 94% pass rate.

Mr. Terry emphasized that in order for Amarillo College to meet and maintain that goal, we rely on our industry experts to give us advice, point us in the right direction, and tell us where we need to improve. He assured them that we appreciate them telling us the truth.

5. Student Representatives

Jovanny Moreno came to represent the students in the Diesel program. He is working towards his DEMR.AAS degree and is in his 3rd semester. (2nd semester of diesel classes) He has already earned his Basic Diesel Certificate and will gain the Advanced Certificate at the end of this semester. They just started the hydraulics class today. In the Spring he will finish up with his General Education classes. Jovanny said his father owns his own truck driving business and he sees the money he spends on keeping his truck running. He wants to be able to help his dad with mechanic work. He chose Amarillo College because it is close to home.

6. Advisor reports

Claudia Arnold was unable to attend.

7. Academic affairs

Dr. Clunis was unable to attend.

8. Affiliation reports

Jerry Edrond's with Integrity Ag said that he has hired several AC graduates and almost all of them have worked out well. In fact, he said, they increased their fleet by 10 trucks this past year and more than half of those are being driving by graduates from the AC Truck Driving Academy. He encouraged the others to join with him in helping to secure increased funding to buy new trucks for the Academy fleet.

Wayne Pierson with Cummins, announced that he will be retiring December 31st after 46 years. He is handing the Service Manager reins to Matthew Kunkel.

Brad Western confirmed that Yellowhouse is building a new store in Dalhart. This will be a smaller satellite store with parts and service as the main function. They plan to hire new Diesel Techs from AC. They have already hired from Amarillo College and they have an internship in place in Amarillo, and would like to duplicate that in Dalhart.

Sally Noyce with Panhandle Express sand the praises of the AC Truck Driving Academy and stated that they have gotten some good applicants from us.

Owen Searcy with Schwerman Trucking said that they too have several AC graduates driving for them. While some of them come directly to them from AC, most of them come 2nd hand after working for someone else for a while. He said they are doing a good job.

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9. Dean of Technical Education

Linda Munoz was unable to attend due to a meeting out of town. David Hall was tied up in a meeting with TDCI to discuss offering our Diesel Mechanics program in the prison. He was able to make the very last of the meeting but chose not to add anything to the discussion.

10. Perkins Coordinator

Becky Burton was unable to attend.

11. Other Business

Jerry asked if there were any other business / concerns that needed to be reflected in the minutes. These are the concerns:

- Brad Western with Yellowhouse stated that the staffing on the Diesel Tech side is a concern. He feels like we must hire separate instructors to take care of the prison program so that our current program does not suffer. He was adamant about the primary focus being on the East Campus program. He also encouraged us to move ahead with hiring a replacement for the position Brian Jacob vacated.
- Jerry Edmonds with Integrity Ag, said that he would like to see and advancement in internships/apprenticeships on the Truck Driving side so that students could get a feel for what it is like to drive a loaded truck. There was some discussion about whether a student could legally drive a loaded truck before obtaining their CDL. It was decided that yes, they could as long as they had a learner's permit and had a CDL licensed driver with them. Jerry said at AC, the students get their learner's permit with the first week. They can add on a HAZMAT endorsement.
- Jerry Edmonds said that with the mandates coming concerning driver's training, he would like to see some refresher training for veteran drivers or help those who let their CDL lapse get them back before the new laws go into effect. Jerry Terry said that until the mandates are enforced, that is a possibility, perhaps as a CE class, but once we receive mandates, our hands will be tied. Every driver will have to go through the FMCSA mandated training.
- Mr. Terry mentioned that Dr. Munoz is looking into insurance that will cover our students who go into internships. Jerry Edmonds, said that they would be interested in an offering an apprenticeship if the insurance issue could be solved.
- Brad Western said that they appreciate the continued effort in both programs and is pleased that we integrated the CDL certificate with the Diesel Tech Certificate creating the new AAS degree. He said that they are glad to continue their assistance with training aids and equipment.
- Mr. Edmonds stated that we definitely need to get newer equipment.

12. Adjourn

Brad Western moved to adjourn the meeting and Sally Noyce seconded it. Meeting was adjourned a little after 1:00 pm.

Date:

Next Meeting: TBD