

Advisory Committee Form Instructions

Program Committee Name – Fire Protection Technology Advisory Committee

Chairperson – Joe Koch

Meeting Date, Time, and Place – November 13, 2020, 9:00am-10:00am, Virtual Go to Meeting

Recorder – Crystal Hernandez

Members – Joe Koch, Paul Dutcher, Ronald Pray, Dennis Gwyn, Jason Mays, Vince Whitfill, and Brittany Perdue (student rep).

Ex-Officio – Linda Munoz, David Hall, Rodney Sharp, Eric Wallace, Tyler Smith

Agenda Item – Welcome, Approval of previous minutes, introduction of new members, report of curriculum subcommittee meeting, curriculum revision review, vote to approve/reject, discussion, close.

Action Discussion Information – A motion was made to approve the new curriculum presented for the day and night fire academy. The new curriculum will help guide students in obtaining an A.A.S through the Fire Protection Tech program.

Responsibility – Linda Muñoz, Joe Koch

Key Discussion Points – Discussion – Complete discussion of agenda items

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CHAIRPERSON:	Joe Koch				
MEETING DATE:	11/13/2020	MEETING TIME:	9:00am-10:00am	MEETING PLACE:	Virtually, Go to Meeting
RECORDER:	Crystal Hernandez			PREVIOUS MEETING:	9/18/2020
COMMITTEE MEMBERS					
List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name of those present					
NAME	TITLE	EMPLOYER INFO	PHONE	EMAIL	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kasey Presson	Fire Deputy Chief	Pampa Fire Department	669-5800	FDIO@cityofpampa.org	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Gwyn	Fire Chief	Canyon Fire Department	655-5010	dgwyn@canyontx.com	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Koch	Fire Deputy Chief	Randall County Fire Department	477-1750	Joe.Koch@randallcounty.com	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Mays	Fire Chief	Amarillo Fire Department	378-9340	Jason.Mays@amarillo.gov	
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Lake	Fire Chief	Potter County Fire Department	383-3373	firel@co.potter.tx.us	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Dutcher	Fire Chief	Perryton Fire Department	435-3000	pdutcher@perryton.net	
EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Munoz	Dean, Technical Education	Amarillo College	335-4351	Lmunoz27@actx.edu	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rodney Sharp	Coordinator, Fire Protection Technology	Amarillo College	335-4306	R0097708@actx.edu	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Wallace	Director, First Responders	Amarillo College	354-6074	ecwallace@actx.edu	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler Smith	Coordinator, Law Enforcement Academy	Amarillo College	356-3680	T0388745@actx.edu	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Whitfill	Assistant Chief	Canon Fire Department	655-5010	vince.whitfill@canyonfd.com	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brittany Perdue	Amarillo College student (Night Academy)		683-0525	B0376666@amarillocollege.com	
AGENDA ITEM		ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION			RESPONSIBILITY
Old Business:		The Committee voted Joe Koch to chair of the Fire Protection Technology Advisory board via email after the Oct. meeting.			Linda Muñoz
Continuing Business:		Approval of previous October meeting minutes. No Discussion.			Joe Koch
New Business:		Welcome and Introductions. Ms. Perdue introduced herself as the new student representative.			Joe Koch

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	Report of curriculum subcommittee meeting. Chief Koch summarized the meeting of the curriculum subcommittee. He explained the committee review of different Fire programs in the state and the committee's interest in the AC Fire program to instill lifelong learners including the desire for firefighters to transfer to WT and continue toward a BAAS degree. There was discussion on the problem with the current program offering 14 semester credit hours not relevant for entry level or basic fire students. There was also discussion on the length of the current Academy and considering that academies are normally intensive and fast. There was discussion on the problem of overlap between the day and night academies every January, February, and ½ of March and the difficulty of finding instructors to teach during this overlap. Finally, the committee asked for courses in personal finance, leadership, ethics, building codes/construction, and basic fire investigation. The Committee also reviewed the BAAS program at WTAMU in Emergency Management as the only program that would be relevant and align to the AAS in Fire Technology. Some discussion on how to align so that fire academy courses transfer AND apply to the BAAS degree as opposed to transfer only. Dr. Muñoz summarized a conversation she had with Greg Ingham, the faculty coordinator of the EM program at WT. He said that WT was changing its EMA program; he also indicated his interest in insuring alignment of both programs to minimize surplus credit hours. Mr. Ingham said there was a new BAAS coordinator (?) or a new EMA program coordinator coming to WT who would be better at discussing these changes with the committee. Finally, the subcommittee reviewed versions of the revised course sequence two weeks after the meeting and the one presented to the whole committee today is the one they agreed would move forward for a vote.	Joe Koch
Curriculum Decisions:	Curriculum revision and review, vote to approve/reject changes. <i>Chief Koch asked for a motion to approve the curriculum changes. Chief Pray made a motion to approve and Chief Koch seconded. The changes passed with none voting no or abstaining.</i>	Joe Koch
Other:	<i>Chief Pray asked that there be another subcommittee meeting on HazMat training at AC and the need for improvement. Chief Koch will put a committee together.</i>	Ronald Pray
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	DISCUSSION	
Old Business:	Chair identified by Committee via email vote.	

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Continuing Business	Minutes from the September 18, 2020 meeting presented and approved by the Committee.
New Business:	Chief Koch conducted the meeting and welcomed new members. Chief Koch announced to the board about the curriculum subcommittee that formed to help revise the current curriculum and suggest changes to create a new curriculum for the day and night Fire academies. The curriculum subcommittee members were Roald Pray, Joe Koch, Kasey Presson and Jason Mays.
Curriculum Decisions:	<p>Chief Koch started the conversation asking whether all had reviewed the documents sent. He asked if there were any questions on the day/night academy schedules. There were no questions. Chief Koch asked Dr. Muñoz to review the changes before the vote. Dr. Muñoz pointed out changes based on the discussion with the curriculum subcommittee: 1) The revised curriculum embeds fire classes in the second year with general ed. (2) it lengthens the evening academy by two hours to ensure academy students can finish the academy in 16 weeks rather than 24. (3) The revised course sequence includes AM/PM academy students taking summer classes as one group rather than separate – on Saturdays through summer or evenings and Saturdays. (4) It ensures a smoother transfer with the EMA program at WT, and removing/changing unnecessary course work totaling 14 semester credit hours.</p> <p>There will no longer be an overlap in the day and night basic fire academies. The following courses are out of the basic certificate curriculum: Basic Wildland Firefighting, Hazardous Materials Technician and Special Topics in Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting. The subcommittee agreed that the courses offered were not relevant for students at a basic certificate level because each of those courses requires on-the-job training prior to students taking the class. Firefighter V and Firefighter VI are added to the basic fire. There is now a stacked certificate offered: basic certificate, intermediate certificate and AAS degree. With the new proposed curricular change, there will be more hours met than required by Texas Commission on Fire Protection but also more hands-on practice. The following courses have been taken out of the Fire Protection A.A.S.: Special Topics in Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, Fire Officer I, Fire Officer II, Fire Instructor I and Fire Instructor II. The subcommittee felt that the following courses would better represent what Firefighters should know when going to work in the industry and should be integrated in the new AAS: Building Codes and Construction, Fire Arson Investigation I, Fire Administration and Fire Strategies and Tactics I. <u>Ronald Pray made the motion to approve the new curriculum and Vince Whitfill and Joe Koch second the motion.</u> The board approved to change the revised curriculum. There was a brief discussion on approval for the changes as voted upon especially the acceleration of the program, the removal of the overlap, the removal of unnecessary courses, and the alignment with the EMA program. Eric Wallace asked Rodney what he thought of the acceleration and whether this would be difficult to achieve; Mr. Sharp said it was an improvement and he had been working on possible course changes since the sub-committee meeting in case this passed. He is going to work with CTL to build more hybrid courses into his program so that he has more lab time when students are at the college.</p>

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Other: Discussion about the Hazardous Materials Technician (HAZMAT) course offered through Amarillo College. This was related to the summer courses and the problem with zero to no AFD or Dumas FD firefighters sent to take HazMat training at AC. They both send their firefighters to TEEK or to Lubbock for training. He said he did not want to discuss in the open meeting but wanted to share only that the need for such training is great for Amarillo and Dumas and AC does not have the resources and necessary equipment to teach this well.

Meeting Adjourned 9:57 AM

Chairperson Signature: Joe Koch

Date: 11/18/2020

Next Meeting: TBD

 (for Chief Joe Koch)