

Advisory Committee Form Instructions

Program Committee Name – Fire Protection Technology Advisory Committee

Chairperson – New Committee, will appoint one prior to next meeting.

Meeting Date, Time, and Place – September 18, 2020, Virtually Go to Meeting.

Recorder – Crystal Hernandez

Members –Kasey Presson, Ronald Pray, Paul Dutcher, Dennis Gwyn, Joe Koch and Jason Mays.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT – Linda Munoz, David Hall, Rodney Sharp, Eric Wallace and Tyler Smith.

Agenda Item – Responsibilities of advisory committee, Goal for fall 2020 curriculum revisions, Goal for Academic year, Meetings: Confer on dates/times, Chairperson Nominations for Fire Tech Advisory Committee.

Key Discussion Points – **Discussion** – Considering a change to the curriculum to better align with industry and push students to complete with an A.A.S.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:		Fire Protection Technology Advisory Committee			
CHAIRPERSON:	No one has been Appointed (First Meeting)				
MEETING DATE:	9/18/2020	MEETING TIME:	1:00pm-3:30pm	MEETING PLACE:	Virtually, Go to Meeting
RECORDER:	Crystal Hernandez			PREVIOUS MEETING:	4/12/2016
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	
x Kasey Presson	Fire Deputy Chief	Pampa Fire Department	669-5800	FDTO@cityofpampa.org	
x Ronald Pray	Fire Chief	Dumas Fire Department	935-6434	rpray@dumastx.gov	
x Dennis Gwyn	Fire Chief	Canyon Fire Department	655-5010	dgwyn@canyontx.com	
x Joe Koch	Fire Deputy Chief	Randall County Fire Department	477-1750	Joe.Koch@randallcounty.com	
x Jason Mays	Fire Chief	Amarillo Fire Department	378-9340	Jason.Mays@amarillo.gov	
Richard Lake	Fire Chief	Potter County Fire Department	383-3373	frrel@co.potter.tx.us	
Paul Dutcher	Fire Chief	Perryton Fire Department	435-3000	pdutcher@perryton.net	
EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT					
x Rodney Sharp	Coordinator, Fire Protection Technology	Amarillo College	335-4306	R0097708@actx.edu	
x Eric Wallace	Director, First Responders	Amarillo College	354-6074	ecwallace@actx.edu	
x Tyler Smith	Coordinator, Law Enforcement Academy	Amarillo College	356-3680	T0388745@actx.edu	
x Linda Muñoz	Dean, Technical Education	Amarillo College	335-4351	Lmunoz27@actx.edu	
x David Hall	Associate Dean, Technical Education	Amarillo College	335-4309	Dhall36@actx.edu	
AGENDA ITEM		ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION			
Old Business:		No old business- Tabled			
Continuing Business:		New committee			
New Business:		Welcome and introductions, responsibilities of the advisory committee, goal for the academic year, goal for fall 2020 committee, chairperson nominations for the committee.			
		Linda Muñoz			

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Curriculum Decisions:	Curriculum change and redesign for the certificate program as well as the AAS degree.	
Other:	Discussion about the Emergency Management program offered at West Texas A&M University. Students should continue their education, once they leave Amarillo College.	
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	DISCUSSION	
Old Business:	No Old Business-Tabled	
Continuing Business	New Committee	
New Business:	<p>Linda welcomed the new committee and explained the responsibilities of an Advisory Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To help a college To help a college document the need for a workforce education program. - Ensure that the program has adequate resources and a well-designed curriculum to provide students with the knowledge, skills and abilities essential for their employment. - Must be composed of persons who broadly represent the demographics, including ethnic and gender diversity of the institution's service area as well as the occupational field in all sectors of the business community within the institution's service area. - Full time faculty & staff of the college may not be members of the advisory committee, but they may serve in an ex-officio capacity. - Advisory committees of existing programs must meet in person a minimum of one time a year and should have a quorum present. The State of Texas requires at least one meeting per year, but this first year we will conduct several meetings. <p>Linda explained the goal for the fall semester as well as the academic year :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluating the goals and objectives of the program curriculum. - Establishing workplace competencies for the program occupation(s). - Suggesting program revisions as needed. - Evaluating the adequacy of existing college facilities and equipment. - Identifying local business and industry leaders who will provide students with external learning, experiences, employment and placement opportunities. - Assisting in the professional development of the faculty. - Assisting in promoting and publicizing the program community and to business & industry. 	

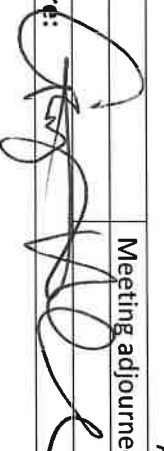
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representing the needs of the students from special populations. - Curriculum change and program redesign for the certificate program as well as the AAS degree. - Several meetings will be conducted for the Fall semester to complete the curriculum changes for the Spring semester. - The goal of the Fire Protection Technology program is to get certified with Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) and graduate with an Associate's degree.
	<p>There was discussion about chairperson nominations for the Fire Protection Technology Advisory Board, those nominations are being emailed directly to Linda.</p>
Curriculum Decisions:	<p>This was the first meeting with the new advisory board, this meeting consisted of suggestion for the change in the fire academy specifically in the night academy. There was discussion about changing some of the courses that are being offered in the basic cert as well as the AAS degree.</p>
Other:	<p>There is room to grow once the Basic Fire certificate is completed and the student is hired on a Fire Department, then they can add to their resume with leadership classes based off of their career preference. Firefighters can obtain their Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Master Fire Fighters certificate through Texas Commission on Fire Protection. This will allow career advancement or incentive pay. This will push firefighters to obtain their Associates degree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested courses such as Fire Officer I & II and Fire Instructor I & II are courses are offered more towards a Bachelor's degree. Possibility of taking these courses out of the curriculum because they require some on the job training or experience prior to attending the classes. These courses will be conducted as Continuing Education courses for fire fighters to be able to add to their resume. - Discussion about the Emergency Management program offered at West Texas A&M University. It was agreed upon that students should continue their education after leaving Amarillo College. - Some suggested replacements for Fire Officer & Fire Instructor courses in the AAS degree could possibly be: Fire Investigation, Building Inspection, Building Construction, Principals of Fire and Emergency Services, Fire Chemistry, Fire Inspection & Fire Investigation, Fire Service Ethics and Fire Administration. - It was agreed that the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) course is not essential to all fire departments, this course should be dropped as a major course requirement for the Associates degree at Amarillo College. - Dr. Munoz will contact West Texas A&M and find out how AC's curriculum needs to be aligned to fit their BAAS program. - Are COOP classes or Work Base learning options for the AAS degree, will your department's support them?

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Meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM

Chairperson Signature:



Date: 9/18/2020

Next Meeting: 11/13/2020