

Business Leadership Council Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME: Welding Program RECORDER: Jamie Hunter CHAIRPERSON: Ernie Sheets			MEETING DATE: 2 July 2025 MEETING TIME: 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM MEETING PLACE: East Campus/MEC 112		PREVIOUS MEETING: Agenda: July 2 2025 Agenda PPT: <u>July 2 2025 BLC Power Point</u>	
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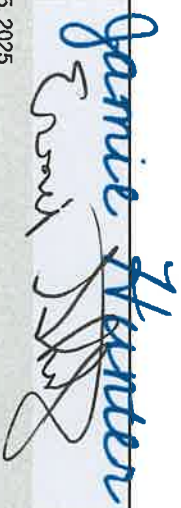
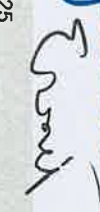
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Welcome & Introduction	Welcome (Ernie Sheets) & Attendee Introductions AC staff who were in attendance were introduced.
Agenda	Ernie Sheets presented agenda: I. Introductions II. New Staff Position (Jamie Hunter) III. Program Status – Student Enrollment IV. Program Highlights – Staff, Guest Speakers, Internships, High School Dual Credit V. Employer open floor discussion of KSA's VI. Save the Date and Job fair VII. Adjourn
New Staff Member Introduction	<p>New Staff Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamie's addition will improve the department's ability to connect employers with potential hires. She will focus on East Campus programs to assist with employment as a Career Navigator/ Employer Liaison. <p>Introduction (Jamie Hunter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamie's role as Employer Liaison is to serve employers by building relationships and helping fill job roles. This includes establishing partnerships, internships, site visits, and employer presentations for students. Requested guest to fill out Business Profile that will be sent again in next newsletter. As the Career Navigator she is meeting with students for resume writing, interview prep, and providing open job opportunities. She will focus on feedback from employers to develop co-curricular activities that build professional skills. The aim is to prepare students for the workforce by improving interpersonal communication and establishing an understanding of professional behavior and expectation. She hopes to also build an alumni network to push job opportunities to both current students and alumni.

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	<p>Employer-Student Engagement Room (Ernie Sheets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new conference room is available for employer-student engagement. • Employers can schedule the room to set up information, use the TV and computers, and allow students to access websites and applications. • The room can be scheduled for repeated use. • Follow-up information, including the agenda, PowerPoint PDF, and contact information, will be provided. • Instructors are willing to allow employers to visit classes to engage with students.
Program Status	<p>Student Enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2024 accelerated cohort had 6 graduates. • Currently 20 students are enrolled and will graduate in the fall, seeking employment. • The next cohort is full with 24 students with a waitlist of 19. • 19 of 48 spaces are already occupied for afternoon and evening sections for spring starts. • A rolling schedule of spring and fall starts is being implemented. • Employers working with the program are US Trailers and Garrett Container
Program Highlights	<p>Instructional Staff Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Harrison, Jacob Salazar, Johnny Sims, and Levi Plummer. • Johnny will be going to Denver for CWM training in 2-3 weeks • Levi and Jacob will be doing their cWM training late spring/early next summer • All instructors will attend a Miller Educators training day in August at the Miller Houston Tech Center where they will receive hands-on experience with advanced processes and state of the art equipment. <p>Dual Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual credit interest is increasing due to House Bill 8. • Schools with current interest: Herford, Tulsa, Bovina, River Road • AMTEC offers 21 hours of dual credits. Severn students graduated from that program in the spring. They have a level 1 certificate with the AC program, which is a 3-stack: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. • Strengthens secondary-to-postsecondary pathways. <p>Top of Texas Competition Expo went well, will be held again in the MEC. Businesses can sponsor events and interact with students.</p> <p>Tours and Partnership efforts are being made to arrange for students to visit industrial sites. The faculty also expressed invitation to have them make parts that businesses don't have time for, if they provide materials, the students will handle fabrication and layout – speak with Levi Plummer.</p>

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KSA Discussion	<p>The welding program will start a curriculum change process this fall based on employer needs. The goal is to present curriculum changes in January. Changes will be based on employer feedback. The program is also requesting feedback on new technologies in use.</p> <p>Defined Knowledge Skills and Abilities</p> <p>Employer Suggestions to address skills gaps for student KSAs: Ability to weld stainless steel and aluminum, read welding prints, knowledge of squaring, plumbing and leveling, Confidence in their abilities, familiarity with fingertip remotes.</p> <p>Took a vote on preferred meeting format and location. In-person was preferred with rotating location.</p>
Save the Date and Job Fair	<p>Job Fair and Handshake (Sterling Clark)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Campus will host a large job fair. • Handshake platform connects students and employers. • Employers can post jobs and students can explore opportunities. • Follow-up email will include Handshake and contact details.
Dismissal and Lunch	Attendees were dismissed to eat and network.
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