

Welding Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: October 16 , 2014 6:00

Members present: Larry L., John N., Bill S., Gary A., Joel S., Rich C.,

Members looked at new smoke exhaust system. Heat in lab very high. Members recommend follow up with engineers, facilities, manufacturer and installer for solutions. Average lab temps in high 80's.

- Students do not know of system issues.
- Agreed problem is very unusual for this type system.

Discussion of re arrangement of EFE – dual enrolled courses.

- Proposed change from Weld 120 fall and Weld 182 Winter to Weld 182 fall, Weld 184 Winter.
- Proposal gives EFE students 6 core welding credits.
- Removes Weld 120 because it is a Survey course not counting as degree credits. Course still active as an elective for other programs requiring welding.
- Benefits discussed.
 - Shorten degree timeframe by 1 semester. Unanimous
 - Would provide more avenues to advanced courses as these courses meet the 200 level prerequisites. Unanimous approval.
 - Potentially meets early middle college model. Group discussed need for more skilled personnel. Concerns about maturity of EFE students in work world.
- Stressed all KVCC Technical programs emphasize soft skills. Reinforced part of grade in all courses is attendance and participation.

- Potential employers Bill S., John N. liked the way the students would be better prepared for their organizations needs.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45