

Welding Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 24, 2021 6:00pm

Los Banos Welding Department

Call to Order	Chad Russell
Selection of Committee Chair	Committee
Program update (Merced Campus)	Ben Scroggins
Program Update (Los Banos Campus)	Fong Xiong
Program Changes and Committee Support	Chad Russell
Action Items	Committee Chair Pipe Program discussion
Next Meeting???	Ben and Fong
Adjourn	Committee Chair

Advisory Committee Minutes

1. Committee Chair Report
 - a. Alex D
2. Program updates (Merced & Los Banos)
 - a. Merced:

Classes are back to business as usual. The daytime and evening classes are full with many on the waitlist. With the committees approval we are hoping to start the pipe welding cohort in fall of 2022.
 - b. Los Banos:

Currently classes are full. We are in need of an additional instructor as the 3 current faculty are teaching the load of almost 6 instructors. As far as classes things are going well and we look forward to sending a good group out.
3. Advisory Committee once again expressed that the addition of OSHA 10 or OSHA 30 into our Weld 53 course will help students enter directly into the field without having to complete one or the other.

4. The group discussed the proposed curriculum changes which will include:

The group discussed the addition of **Weld 60, Weld 61, Weld 62, and Weld 63** to form a comprehensive program. Alex reminded the committee that we discussed researching this in May and now we have some curriculum. The committee discussed the planned curriculum and a vote was proposed to accept and recommend the program as is.

- 10 In favor

- 1 Against

In addition the group had a 30 minute discussion on some of the industry trends within welding.

5. Proposed Equipment Purchases

- LeBlond Lathe for both facilities.
- Engine driven welders for the pipe program.
- Advanced modules to allow AC TIG.
- Replacement of welders in main shop at MC.

Next Meeting May 2022.

Member Present:

Ed Palomino	Mike Fleisher	Sam Meredith	Jay Bates
Alex Demirjian	Sherrill Campbell	Steve Boyle	Bryan Humphrey
Robert Rayes	Daniel Fishman	Joseph Mendes	

Instructors Present:

Ben Scroggins

Fong Xiong

Chad Russell