**Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineering**

**Industry Advisory Meeting**

**Sep 28th, 2018**

**Members Present: William Elarton-Selig, Chair CMU. Gabriel Cioffi, Craig Barnett, Matt Needham, Kelly Dozier, Randy Gibbs, Keshawn Spells, Timothy Christopher, Bob Hudacheck, Denise Vukouvich.**

**Call to order: 10:38 am**

**William Elarton-Selig – CMU Chairman’s Report:**

* **NATE Class**
* **Mechanical Code Class**
* **New Building Plans**

**Instructors’ Reports:**

**Gabriel Cioffi – HVACR 1st Semester Instructor**

* **New requirement for refrigerant verification test.**
* **Discussed different cities Code Requirements**

**Craig Barnett - HVACR 2nd Semester Instructor**

* **Will start work on getting equipment and tools to train our students in duct testing.**
* **Is working with department to train students on newer technologies like energy management systems.**

**Matt Needham – HVACR 3rd Semester Instructor**

* **Has created and implemented a CAZ zone in lab students**
* **Has become a BPI Professional.**

**Kelly Dozier -HVACR 4th semester Instructor**

* **Reports all is well**

**Advisors Comments:**

**Gerry McCarthy – Johnson Control Systems**

* **Job demand for careers like HVACR has increased dramatically. Business is up and difficulty in getting new technicians is difficult.**
* **A program that is similar to Habitat for Humanity at Trade Tech would be beneficial**
* **The Nate certification course, and the Mechanical Code class, is a good Idea.**
* **Great need for management systems training at all levels.**
* **Need to make an opportunity for those working in the trade to have access to programs during the evening, and not just fulltime day programs.**
* **Need classes for upgrading skills and for entry-level technicians.**

**Streeter Turner - Retired**

* **Sees the smaller “Nitch” markets as possible career choices for new students.**
* **Job interview skills are still important.**
* **Agrees with Gerry about the need for evening and part time programs for skills improvement and entry into the trade.**

**Denise Vukouvich – Operation and Maintenance Engineers – Local 501**

* **Job interview skills are still very important.**
* **Agrees with Gerry about the need for evening and part time programs for skills improvement and entry into the trade. For 501 it is not as important for entry level but more for skills improvement.**

**Meeting Adjourned 11:25pm**