Individual Advisor Breakout Session 02/23/2023

Feb 2nd 2023 9:00AM

Members present:

Mariano Rubio – Citrus College Instructor

Spencer Boldt – Citrus College Instructor / Coordinator

Jojo Delgado – Athens Services Talent Acquisition & Retention Manager

Edder Saravia – Athens Services Recruiter

Jaime Guerra – Athens Services Fleet Manager

Daniel Weis - Athens Services Director of Maintenance

Mariano began the meeting by welcoming our industry partners from Athens Services.

Spencer and Mariano began breaking down the layout of the medium/heavy truck program at citrus college. How many courses, certificates, years, and skills are earned by the time a student completes the program.

Jojo began explaining a partnership they had began building with the City of Pomona. This new partnership was created in an effort to help create more job opportunities for the residents of Pomona.

Jojo explained how the City of Pomona wanted to create a pathway for Pomona residents to acquire the proper training and knowledge to make them employable by Athens Services.

Jojo explained how they were looking at directing Pomona residents towards Citrus College’s Medium/heavy truck program for training.

Daniel began explaining how they need entry level technicians who have some basic skill sets figured out. Daniel suggested if there was a way to provide a certificate for an entry level technician.

Mariano began describing how we can lay out a certain number of courses for a new certificate that would have a focus on creating a pathway for an entry-level technician.

Daniel began describing what type of content and material he would like to see covered in this certificate.

Topics such as – shop safety, proper repair order documentation, basic mechanical knowledge, tire changing, air brakes certifications, hydraulics training, and knowledge of performing preventative maintenance inspections.

Spencer and Mariano broke down these topics into 3 primary courses – MTRK 101, MTRK 164, and MTRK 160. However a prerequisite course would also need to be included MTRK 156a basic electrical.

Mariano suggested the name “heavy maintenance certificate” for the title of a new certificate that would be earned after completing these 4 courses.

The group from Athens agreed this would be a very beneficial way to bring in new students and help create a pathway for more entry level technicians including the residents of Pomona that Athens plans on having enroll at Citrus College’s Medium/heavy truck program.

The meeting ended with Mariano and Spencer explaining the procedure to have a new certificate created and that it may take over a year for the certificate to become finalized and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15AM