

**Career Technical Education (CTE)  
Technical Theater Advisory  
Barstow Community College  
February 7, 2023  
Held via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes**



**Attendees:**

James Lee, BCC (Chair)  
Carrie O'Neal, MDCP  
Jennifer Nocera, Victor Valley High School  
Cherie Gleason, Granite Hills High School  
Jennifer Connor, Snowline High School

**Minutes:**

**Welcome/Introductions/Background**

James Lee from Barstow Community College welcomed everyone to the advisory committee meeting and thanked everyone for being there. Introductions of the committee members were provided by each member in attendance. James Provided some background on the meeting letting everyone know that this was an off-schedule advisory meeting that was called to review the proposed Technical Theater Certificate of Achievement that was developed. James let the committee know that this year's regular advisory meetings would be held in April.

Additional background was provided that the program and courses was authored by our BCC Music/Theater faculty and has went through the local curriculum process but since the has the technical aspects and is coded as a CTE program it is required to hold an advisory meeting and get a recommendation for the program from the committee. This program was originally approved by BCC Curriculum Committee in the Fall of 2022 but was later realized that since it was a CTE program would need the Labor Market Information, Local Advisory Meeting recommendation and the Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium (IEDRC) recommendation to be submitted to the Chancellor's Office for their approval. The intent is to get the approval to start the program during the fall 2023 semester.

**Program Overview/Discussion**

James presented the committee the Technical Theater Certificate of Achievement curriculum documents including the Technical Theater Narrative, Program Outline and course outline of records. James noted the CTE ToP Code- 1006.00 which is why this committee needed to meet to review the curriculum. James noted that for financial aid purposes BCC Certificates have to be more than 16 units which the Technical Theater certificate is at 18 units with 6 different courses.

There was some discussion related to the committee members programs and if the BCC program is in alignment with their programs.

All the schools said their programs were similar in the content that was being taught. There were some small differences such as with Victor the pathway teaches all skills in one course versus them being broke down into individual courses with increasing complexity in year 2.

There was some discussion about the need for safety to be covered in the courses dealing with set building and some of the other technical aspects of the program. James added that in addition to what would be covered in the courses in this program, BCC offers additional safety courses (BCTT 54- Safety Orientation) and other courses that students could take.

With the advisory members being high school teachers, but also all having a background in the field related to theater they all thought the program was well developed and covered the essential components of technical theater, with some districts mentioning they would be interested in reformatting their program to align with BCC's. All districts had interest in articulation with the courses/program once it is approved.

James asked if there was anything that was offered at the high schools that was not part of this program and VVUHSD responded with acting. James explained that was offered outside of the technical theater program.

James provided the committee members with the current Labor Market Information provided from the Center's of Excellence and went over the information highlighting employment projections, earnings, and other information.

The committee members are eager to have this offering at the college level and will help with feeding high school students into the program and would be a benefit to Barstow and the High Desert. They offered to send over their outlines if it would help BCC in the process.

### **Recommendation of Program**

With the discussion of the need for the program and sounding like the curriculum was well designed and would meet a need of both high school programs and industry James asked the committee if we could get a recommendation from the committee to approve the program to be moved to the region for their recommendation and through the rest of the approval process.

The committee was unanimous in the recommendation for the program.

### **Conclusion**

James thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the technical theater advisory and for all of their input. James announced that BCC had their regular scheduled advisory meetings scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 8:00-9:00 am and they will be held by zoom.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.