**Fresno City College**

**Applied Technology Division - Welding Department**

**Perkins’ Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The annual Advisory Board meeting of the Welding Department was held on April 28, 2018.

**Committee Members Present:**

Desi Paredes, Brad Scriver, Steven Rivera, Ron Bull, Chris Reid, Joshua Beaulieu (Staff) Brett Camacho (Faculty), Theo Davis (Faculty).

**Welcome Remarks:**

Theo Davis, chaired the meeting and made a few welcome remarks.

 **Perkins Presentation, Discussion and Approval:**

A presentation on Perkins’ Funds was given by Mr. Brett Camacho. He informed the Advisory Board of the new welding machines and feeders that were purchased and installed this semester. The addition of the new welding machines increases the Gas Metal Arc Welding - stainless steel - welding projects and provides more welding skills for our students.

1. Discussion on the purchasing of an engine driven welding machine, a Lincoln LN 25 portable feeder and a metal sheet roller to form or roll various welding projects was also held. The Advisory Board approved the equipment purchased and encouraged faculty to continue upgrading the welding department. The Board believes it is extremely important to upgrade and improve the welding department to keep abreast with the developing technology in the welding industry.
2. A new Certificate of Achievement in Entrepreneurship was discussed and approved by the Board.
3. Discussions were held on student training with emphasis on Air Carbon Arc Cutting/Gouging and scarfing. Suggestions were made for the purchasing of newer and bigger machines for that purpose.
4. Brad Scriver, from R. F. Mac Donald promised to give a presentation to the welding students, on the fitting of pipe flanges and elbows. The presentation will be done in the next Semester.
5. Steve Rivera, agreed to arrange a field trip to Olsen & Co. Steel for the welding students. Students will experience fabrication of large steel structures. He also promised to donate some digital structural drawings to the welding department. The drawings will add more instructional material for Weld-2B, 4A and 4B classes.

Faculty thanked the Advisory Board members for their valuable time and services to the welding department and Fresno City College in general. After a tour of the welding department, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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