**Fresno City College**

**Applied Technology Division - Welding Department**

**Perkins’ Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Spring 2019**

The annual Advisory Board meeting of the Welding Department was held on April 25, 2019.

**Committee Members Present:**

Brad Scriver, Tony Boualaphanh (Company Representatives). Henry Delgado, Jerry Martinez, John Shoemate, and Alexander Stratman (Students). Joshua Beaulieu (Staff) 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 Joshua Beaulieu. He informed the Advisory Board of the new equipment purchased and installed last semester and this semester. New equipment: Modular Table, Plate Roller, CNC Plasma Table, Forklift.

 Also, a new Automation Program was approved by the Board.

**Travel Conference:**

All Welding Instructors will be going to Lincoln Electric Company in Cleveland, Ohio in June to attend training on new simulators for the welding department. Instructors also participated in recruiting and manufacturing summit activities.

1. A new Certificate of Achievement in Automated Welding System and two Welding classes, WELD-5A and WELD-5B were also created and proposed to start in Spring 2020.
	1. Moved to support new Automation Program
		1. Seconded
	2. Voted and approved by voice vote
2. Discussions were held on student training with emphasis on employment. Suggestions were made for the purchase of newer and bigger machines for that purpose.
3. Brad Scriver, from R.F. MacDonald Company, promised to give a presentation to welding students on the fitting of pipe flanges and elbows. The presentation will be given in the next semester.
4. A field trip to R.F. MacDonald Company for WELD-2B, 4A and 4B welding students is carded for next semester. Students will get the opportunity to experience fabrication of boilers as well as steel pipe fabrication. The Service Manager, Tony Boualaphanh, also promised to donate a quantity of boiler pipe/tubes to the welding department for the training of the students. All the above mentioned were voted on and approved by the Board.

Theo Davis thanked the Advisory Board members for their valuable time and services to the welding department and Fresno City College in general. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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