

Clean Energy Technology & Entrepreneurship
Advisory Committee Meeting
Shoreline Community College
Zoom Session
9:00am-10:30am, 3/4/2022
MINUTES

Attendance:

Alisha Turpin (Artisan Electric and Shoreline Instructor)
Brian Young (WA. State Dept. of Commerce)
Krishnan Gowri (Industry and past Shoreline Instructor and anticipates teaching again in 2023)
Renee Gastineau (Paladino & Company and CET Advisory Committee Chair)
Tamás Bencsik (Coffman Engineers, Inc.)
Sharon Vik (Shoreline Instructor multi-division)
Lindsey Virdeh (Shoreline Instructor and Faculty Lead)
Guy Hamilton (Shoreline Staff)
Lauren Hadley (Shoreline Staff)
Kelly Griffin (Shoreline Staff - Notetaker)

Renee welcomed everyone and facilitated introductions. The December 2021 Minutes were not approved due to the lack of quorum.

Guy gave some college updates related to the “new normal”. Covid restrictions are being lifted and more opportunities for in-person classes will begin to develop. As a campus there were some increases in enrollment during Covid. We want to leverage what we learned about new techniques, new technology, and removing barriers through online learning. He emphasized the importance of input from the committee to be sure program outcomes are being met and aligned so students will be successful within industry. Are there core skills that cannot be taught online? Lindsey talked about some of the class offerings (120, 220, 225, adding 181 and bringing back 104) and mentioned that Amazon wants their certificate to be entirely online. There was some discussion about the importance of soft skills; meeting with customers; zoom fatigue; hybrid format from an efficiency standpoint; the need to be able to work in both venues; and savings on space and money for programs on campus that require hands on format.

Guy announced that the new Associate Dean for Workforce and STEM, Dalila Paredes, has been selected and is excited to start in a couple of weeks.

Renee confirmed from the committee that Revit is the software of choice.

Lauren Hadley facilitated a discussion about needs assessment required for Perkins funding every two years. It helps assess how our programs are doing in five areas to be sure we are competitive and meeting Workforce needs.

- Is Shoreline giving your industry graduates that you can put to work?
- If not, what can we do to be better?

The need for additional program advertising; program great for offering entry level jobs (4-year degree might not be needed); graduates need to understand impacts of policies (i.e., incentives); adding an energy code compliance class; and getting additional input from some of the committee who were not in attendance were ideas mentioned.

Lindsey gave an overview of the Amazon certificate program she and Matt Austin have been discussing. The one-year, fully online certificate would be five classes and a couple of electives. The certificate is to train Amazon Associates (warehouse and delivery drivers) to work in another field or area. Some logistics (Amazon landing on our site; costs determined for those who are out of state; set up of two staff for two information sessions; Human Resources details) were mentioned with a timeline of possibly starting in summer. Lindsey said a way in which the advisory committee could support Amazon in the certificate program could be job shadow opportunities. Discussion included the idea of an online coffee chat lending itself to remote climate (like an informational interview); similar to this Melanie Meyer in HIIM program was a contact suggesting; bringing the 2-credit career seminar back; confidence building; and resume coaching were all brought up.

There was some discussion about strategies related to career pathways and other employers who could be part of the advisory committee. A few ideas included Clean Tech Alliance, B.O.M.A.; Renee following up with committee to reaffirm commitment; and Renee and Lindsey having a follow up meeting.

In closing, Lindsey said agenda items for the next meeting will include discussion about the planning guide and a mapping exercise. Lauren will do a doodle poll to schedule the next meeting and Renee expressed thanks to the committee for their involvement.

Adjournment: 10:30am