



Purchasing and Supply Chain Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Advisors Present: Jason Bruce, Trident Seafoods
Theresa Dodge, Costco Wholesale
Sam Kaplan, COE Global Trade & Supply Chain

Staff Present: Matt Versdahl, Faculty
Lauren Hadley, Director of Employer Engagement
Kyle Winslow, Acting Associate Dean, Business & PE

Welcome and Introductions – Theresa welcomed the committee and invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

Approval of the March 11, 2020 Minutes – The committee approved the March 11, 2020 minutes.

College and Program Updates – Kyle updated the committee on the Business Intelligence and Data Analytics (BIDA) degree that was developed in partnership with an advisory committee and supported by Perkins funding. The degree will be approved by the college curriculum committee and then move to the State Board and the regional accrediting body for approval to begin offering it in the Spring of 2021. Matt revised the project management courses for the degree. Kyle introduced elective classes that could be added to the PSCM degree. The committee supported these offerings and the opportunities for students. The college will still need several part-time faculty to teach these courses.

Matt provided an update for how the project management courses were updated to fit into the BIDA degree.

Kyle asked about if project management or systems thinking and if they should be a requirement or an elective for the PSCM degree. The committee will move forward and review the course offerings and electives and have a discussion at the next meeting.

Sam is working with a company who is looking for training in systems thinking and will pass this information along.

Proposal from the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals – Similar group to ISM, the Council for Supply Chain Management approached the college with an opportunity for students to join and be selected into this group. This provides students with an opportunity to network and gain professional experience. The committee was supportive of this partnership and offering the opportunity to apply up to all students.

Practices during COVID – 19 – The committee discussed and shared various practices they are experiencing during the pandemic.

- Private jets, acquiring PPE, hotel reservations blocks for quarantine. It's a very fluid situation.

- Trident operates in Alaska and the local population is concerned about disease and the economy. Quarantine two weeks prior, and the two weeks when they arrive. Paid to keep workers in between fishing season to keep them from contracting COVID.
- For student going into the industry, what should we be doing to prepare students?
- Value of world-wide supply chain at Costco. Because we have moved things to just in time, it affects how we respond.
- Costco had to respond to state restriction, i.e. seasonal goods.
- Apparel industry will need to change. Moving toward more leisure ware.
- Masks, cleaning, app w/ questions, standards for going into the office.
- Masks for everyone is due to protecting employees.
- Costco accepting all orders. Seasonal staff is all hired back.
- Procurement is asked to order from operations and sometimes is not as responsive as needed. Procurement needs to sometimes be proactive, i.e. safety stock
- For Trident, sales have been down in restaurant sales, but up in club stores and grocery. Industry has had to adjust quantities to the new normal of buying habits.
- Changing sizes of item – i.e. size of water, faster for suppliers to make only one size
- Communication is critical, stepping in to communicate between departments if needed
- Even if the dust settles, one thing that will change is the long lead time. Things will take longer post COVID. i.e. 12 lead time for salt. Production levels are not as efficient, plan earlier for things because it will take longer.
- Have courses to teach students to interview online. Share tips and techniques for the online interviews. Kyle shared that it is covered in BUS104
- Fraud should be something we should watch for. Suppliers that claim they have something when they don't or it is not the same quality.

Learning Outcomes Exercise – Lauren asked for volunteers to participate in a learning outcomes exercise. Jason and Theresa volunteered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.