

“Electrical Construction Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes”

October 25, 2016

Called to Order 4:30 PM

Roll call: Present -Russ Penn (Chair), Dan Edman, Stan Kovarik, Scott Stenvick, Brian Huschle, Anne Bryson, Jeff Olson for Dan Boyce / Absent - Brian Coster, Chris Eken –Erik Shulind - Jody Beauchamp,

Old Business – Review Meeting minutes from March Oct 27, 2015 – Motion to approve – Anne Bryson / Second – Scott Stenvik - Minutes so approved.

Since the March meeting was cancelled we requested information be provided for the 2016 spring semester. Stan had to leave at 5:00 and requested he be allowed to review first. It was so allowed.

Instructor Report –Stan Kovarik -1st yr First Semester – Some loss of students from the spring to fall semester 22 students moved from first year to 2nd year – This fall students are at 25 –Still some attendance issues. Students showing up one day but then not the next – over all Stan felt he had a good group of students has had to find different methods of instruction – being innovative with his approach with some of the students.

Instructor Report – Dan Edman - 2nd yr Second Semester – 18 students last spring all were found jobs if they wanted them – stated he could have placed several more if there had been more students– contractors were looking for personal. This fall he is again at 18 returning students.

Classroom caps are still set at 23.

New Business:

Dean Hunter MN MEA Electrical Code Representative stopped in to meet students – he noted to Dan that it is possible that students could get out a month early in the spring –when they have a job in place – This Dan was unsure of and will look into – the student would still need to complete the his studies.

Jeff Olson ask if Job shadowing was allowed – he would look into having Job shadow’s come with them for a period of time – but would need to check regarding the liability of doing such. Dan mention that he has arranged Ride a long’s – sending a student with a contractor for a day – to see and learn how things really work in the life of electrical contracting.

There was much open discussion this meeting - one item regarding the amount of code and theory the students were receiving over the two year class period – Stan prior to his need to leave the meeting – stated that a few contractors had felt there was a lack of instruction in these areas. Dan stated that there is more that enough theory and code instruction between the two years – further discussion – Russ commented that he was sure there enough of these items being instructed – at issue is that until a person is given the experience to go along with the instruction of code and theory – the students has no way to recognize how the code he read and studied – applying code mainly comes with experience – some items can be learned and recognized – but many other – you need to get the time into the trade and guidance of superiors.

We cannot expect a graduate in most cases to perform up to a say two year apprentice abilities.

It sounded as if most committee members did agree, with those comments.

(Note – as of this writing Russ did review the exiting curriculum he has on file – he noted five different sections related to code and theory in this curriculum / other sections would also encompass code and theory just with the nature of the course)

Dan then presented the committee – a course that he would like to see instated into the list of classes – this being course CRLT-2103 “Job Seeking and Keeping” (I also noted this same class was included in the curriculum I have on file).

Brian – noted that this is a course that needs review – and brought up to speed to the currents needs of the employers. Dan requested of the committee to please review this information and provide feedback to the instructors. Russ asked if this is a course that they want to begin next fall. Dan answered – that it would be instated next year – for the fall of 2017.

Anne commented that she has a wonderful HR group that she would run this info past them for comments and recommendations.

Russ then requested that the committee place a time line to this project and that all comments be returned to him for collection, he will than in return provide all comments to Dan – for their use. Dec. 1st, 2016 was set as the date to return comments.

Brian then made comment that per our Oct 27, 2015 meeting minutes – that NCTC has gone forward with working with the EGF High School – with Students coming into the building and being provided with exposure to the building trades – seeing the basics – committee was very pleased that this has taken place.

(Note – for those member not able to attend this meeting - Russ will copy the information Dan has provide and requested review, along with these meeting minutes)

As it was nearing 6:00 and dinner was about to be started the meeting adjoined @ 5:58 PM.

Ext meeting TBD (Assumes March 2017)

Russ Penn – Chair

