

**DELTA COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DINNER MEETING  
December 8, 2015  
Delta College Main Campus Room N7**

**Board Present:** R. Emrich, K. Houston-Philpot, D. Middleton, M. Morrissey, M. Rowley, E. Selby, D. Wacksman

**Board Absent:** K. Lawrence-Webster, M. Nash

**Others Present:** A. Anderson, P. Berg, T. Brown, W. Burns, E. Crane, R. Curley, R. Curry, B. Faccio, M. Finney, A. French, J. Goodnow, L. Govitz, M. Hernandez-Alaniz, D. Lutz, M. Moore, M. Mosqueda, B. Pashak, D. Peruski, J. Proctor, L. Ramseyer, K. Schuler, A. Ursuy, B. Webb

**Press Present:** G. Horner (Delta Collegiate); K. Skrzypczak (Delta Collegiate)

Board Chair M. Rowley called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

R. Curry, Vice President of Instruction and Learning Services, introduced Bruce Faccio, Associate Professor of Welding. B. Faccio then introduced welding faculty members, Brent Pashak, Instructor and Jim Proctor, Assistant Professor. B. Faccio also noted that they have six adjuncts. Among all Delta College welding faculty there is a combined 250 years of welding experience. Paige Berg, a student in the welding program was introduced. She is currently dual enrolled, attending Carrollton High School and has a co-op position at Nexteer.

B. Faccio then went through the options students have when entering the welding program which include an advanced certificate, an associate degree and various specialized certifications. The advanced certificate takes one academic year to complete attending September through April. The associate degree in welding is a two year program. The welding certifications help students in securing employment.

B. Pashak explained the SENSE Program which is overseen by the American Welding Association. Students take exams for a small fee and upon completion, it's another item they can put on their resume. J. Proctor noted that dual enrolled students attend Delta College from 7 -9 am and then complete the rest of their day at their respective high schools. These students can earn up to 24 credits before graduating from high school.

The welding faculty also explained the Carrollton Program where 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students come to Delta College in 2 hour blocks. They get to experience several of the programs housed within the Technical, Trades and Manufacturing (TTM) Division including welding.

B. Faccio touched on the mapping of courses not only in welding but across the entire TTM Division. Most of the programs are mapped out so that students can complete their associate degree within 2 years. Welding courses are offered:

- 7 am – 9 am Monday – Thursday
- 10 am – 4:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- 10 am – 4:30 pm Thursday, Friday
- 5 pm – 9:30 pm Monday, Wednesday
- 5 pm – 9:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday

They also offer four weekend courses per semester.

Some of the employers that are hiring Delta's welding students include, Michigan Sugar, Cignys, Saginaw Control, JE Johnson, Three Rivers, Gulfstream, Dow Chemical, Bay View Pickles, Integrity Fab & Machine, Merrill Tech, Unified Brands and Trade Unions.

B. Pashak talked about the great efforts to keep in touch with their current and former students through Facebook. Welding faculty are able to post job opportunities, answer questions and remind students of upcoming deadlines for course registration and payment.

B. Faccio talked about the Dow Chemical STEM Grant that made it possible for the purchase of the welding simulators. They are used in the classroom setting but are also instrumental in recruiting. Students line up to get a chance to test their welding skills. This has helped to increase the number of students interested in welding and also to reach diverse groups of students.

J. Proctor talked about a recent Special Projects Grant that has allowed them to purchase a trailer in order to transport the welding simulators. The simulators have become a valuable asset at various events. It brings the welding to the students. They received the funding for a 6' x 10' enclosed cargo trailer with a drop down door. The entire TTM Division has attended 34 different college nights at 22 different schools.

P. Berg then showed the Board a demonstration on the simulator. There was time for the Board members and other staff members to try the simulators as well.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Talisa Brown, Assistant Board Secretary

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary