Technical Education Division

Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: April 29, 2005

Members Present: Pete Taylor, General Motors
Allan Pratt, Retired Associate Professor of Technical Education
Joe Rondeau, Adjunct Instructor of Technical Education
Edward Chopin, Instructor of Technical Education
Guy Pennington, Instructor of Technical Education
Don Greenwell, Adjunct Instructor of Technical Education
Brian McNew, Architect
Frank Viviano, Division Chair Math and Technical Education
Chad Procell, Louisiana Technical College
Mark Johnson, General Motors
Flo Kelly, General Motors
Forrest Canterbury, Hy-Air
Christina Hughes, Administrative Assistant for Math and Technical Education

Meeting Location: BPCC, E-147, at 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Frank Viviano.

The changes for the technical education degree programs were as follows:

- Math 129 - Applied Technical Math will replace Math 127 and Math 128 in the fall. Students will be required to take Math 102 - College Algebra and Math 129 as their math credits. Math 129 will be offered every semester. It was noted that Math 129 will not transfer to a four-year degree program.

Each degree program was discussed and the progress of each one.

Each committee member and faculty member agreed that getting the student enrollment numbers up was the most important goal. It was noted that we need to continue to stress the importance of having a degree or certification. Each member was asked to give suggestions on how to increase enrollment and graduates. Following is a list of suggestions:

- Have a meeting with high school counselors in the fall and give a presentation on each degree program and what types of jobs and salaries are available with each one.
• Have field trips to local area companies so students can see the type of work being done and have an idea of what they would be doing.

• Have clients come in the first week or two of the fall semester and speak to the students on what is available and out in the area.

• Tech Ed representatives need to go to Caddo Career and Vo-Tech and meet with individual classes and discuss the opportunities at BPPC.

• Go to individual classes at the high schools and talk with the classes one on one.

• Offer a co-op program through LTC.

At this time no committee member had any suggestions on implementing any new degree programs or adding any new courses. The only advice given was to keep the faculty consistent for courses each semester.

Mr. Viviano announced that the division has submitted a proposal to Louisiana Community and Technical College System for a Certificate of Technical Studies in Construction Technology. The proposal will be on the May agenda and should be approved. When approved, the Board of Regents will have to also approve the degree. We hope to have the program implemented in the fall of 2005 or spring of 2006.

The committee members would like for the division to try and combine the civil and structure parts of the program. Another suggestion to help the program was to take field trips to actual construction sites and see the plans, versus what is being built.

A tour of the laboratories and classrooms was given to the members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.