



College of the Redwoods Construction Technology Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 12th, 2022
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
2589 Boone St, Fortuna CA 95540
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

College of the Redwoods Construction Technology (CT) Advisory Committee Meeting called to order by Mike Haley at 6:11 p.m. on May 12th, 2022 at 2589 Boone Street, Fortuna CA 95540, College of the Redwoods House 46.

Roll Call

Mike Haley conducted a roll call. The following people were present:

Mike Haley, College of the Redwoods Career Education Executive Dean
Leslie Douglas, Crestmark Millwork
Dave Stevens, Eureka High School
Ryan Barlow, Compass Carpentry
Shawn Herlihy, Compass Carpentry
Josh Larson, Larson Custom Woodworks
John Robinson, Robinson Homes
Lauren Morgan-Outhisack, Compass Carpentry
Jack Sheppard, HCOE
James Kloor, College of the Redwoods Student
Montel Vander Horck, College of the Redwoods Career Center Manager
Morgan Solem, College of the Redwoods Grants Manager
Augusta Solem, College of the Redwoods Career Education Secretary
Bert Hafar, College of the Redwoods Instructor
Jonah Simmons, College of the Redwoods Instructor
Derek Glavich, College of the Redwoods Instructor

Leonard Bechler, College of the Redwoods Instructor

Will Madaras, College of the Redwoods ISS

Mike Haley welcomed Will Madaras, the new Instructional Support Specialist for CT and Jeffrey Whitehead, the Instructional Aide for the CT House project.

Review and Approve Previous Minutes

Committee reviewed the previous year's minutes. It was moved by Shawn Herlihy and seconded by Jack Sheppard to approve the minutes from the last Advisory Committee meeting.

Discussion Topics

i. How is the CR Program successfully responding to industry needs?

- Shawn Herlihy and Josh Larson stated that CR is a great place to find qualified employees. They also expressed that they find it useful that employers can rely on instructors to recommend qualified students.
- Jack Sheppard shared that CR is a great place for people who aren't ready for industry yet, and prepares students for the workforce.
- Leslie Douglas shared that reading AutoCAD and being able to read plan sets are an important drafting skill and hopes that drafting will continue to be taught with CT.

ii. What industry needs exist that CR is not addressing?

- Shawn Herlihy stated there is a local need for remodeling. Ryan Barlow inquired about the status of remodeling classes. Leonard Bechler responded that it is currently at a standstill. Derek Glavich mentioned that the program has considered buying and renovating a home locally. He shared that perhaps the program could look to purchase lots that have a small house, renovate it, and build an ADU on the lot. Derek also shared that there is some difficulty in creating curriculum due to the unforeseen issues with remodeling that doesn't happen with the building class.
- Shawn Herlihy expressed that there is a local need for more pest inspectors.
- Josh Larson shared that classes on maintenance for new and old equipment would be beneficial.

iii. What is CR doing that it should or should not be doing?

- Jack Sheppard explained that there is a huge need for solar locally and asked if CR could offer more classes for it. Derek Glavich responded saying that there has been talk of doing a solar field on campus. If this were to happen, the CT program could have a class where they set up 10 or so solar panels a semester on campus.
- Leslie Douglas shared that it's more important to be able to read drawings rather than CNC, since many local companies don't have them because CNC machines are expensive. Dave Stevens and Bert Hafar agreed that it can be difficult to train students on CNC machines.

- Shawn Herlihy mentioned that safety trainings are very important, and that it would be beneficial to the community for students to have a good awareness of OSHA requirements.
- Dave Stevens asked if Derek Glavich has a lot of students who are interested in construction management. Derek Glavich shared that he has a mix of some who don't know, some who do, and some go straight into the workforce. Derek Glavich mentioned that there has been talk about doing business classes with an emphasis in construction project management

Discussion

- Morgan Solem asked the committee how CR could strengthen their connection to the local high schools.
 - Dave Stevens responded saying that getting students on campus, whether it be for tours or for a field day event, is incredibly important for strengthening the connection from high school to CR.
 - Jack Sheppard mentioned that it would be beneficial for CR instructors to come to high schools to present information about their programs because it allows for students to engage in a new way.
 - Jack Sheppard also shared that high school seniors will be invited to a Trades Day event put on by HCOE at Redwood Acres and CR could participate with this. The event is still being planned for next year.
- Derek Glavich stated that with the driving related to the house project, he has lots of students requesting gas cards. He mentioned that he tries to have the House project stay between Fortuna, Eureka, or Arcata since those are the closest towns to campus and near where most students live. The next student house will be built in Eureka off Allard Avenue and will be 700 sq. ft.
- Derek Glavich shared that many of the CT students are picked up by employers before finishing their certificates or degrees at CR.
- Montel Vander Horck introduced Handshake, an upcoming website that the CR Career Center will be utilizing. It will be a nexus for employers and students.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

Derek Glavich recommended to have the next CT Advisory Committee on December 15th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The committee agreed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.