**Start time 6:05**

**Attendees:** Steven Hostler, Jerry Goodrow, Steve Kioukis, Danny Walker, Jason Estrada
Chuck Snowden

**The move of the entire welding lab to the empty diesel lab**

* The diesel lab has been retired for some time now; since the weld lab needs more space, there is talk of moving it to the old diesel lab.
	+ The diesel lab has less floor space but has more necessary storage.
* The movement was stopped because it proved to be too expensive
	+ Facility contained asbestos
	+ Moving shop benches was a big task (but not difficult)
* Different labs departments proposed to move into the diesel lab; too many people wanting the lab means weld lab unlikely to move.

**Measure Q**

* About $150,000 left
* Weld department wants to use that money in order to add a new building outside
	+ 1 bid currently out for amount close to budget
	+ Department currently battling with DSA (engineer and architect); they require 20% fee in order to OK project.
* Budget allowed per year is $5600
	+ $35/student course fee
		- cheapest in the area
		- used to buy consumables
	+ other materials acquired through donation from O&M Industries, Johnson Steel
* Proposed ideas
	+ Students to write letters, complaints, petitions, etc. to have their money put towards this project
	+ Find outside donations to help cover this cost
	+ Work with school, school board, etc to help improve the safety of the weld lab by putting forth the funding for the addition

**Dennis Schlotzhauer**

* The department has lost a full time faculty member due to illness
	+ This limits the number of students/classes the department may teach
	+ Part time faculty member (Jerry Goodrow, teaching assistant/classroom manager) hired to take on load

**Students put to work**

* 2-3 hired at North Coast Fabricators
* multiple at O&M Industries(at the request of their hiring team)
* unknown number of independent welders who start their own businesses or work on family owned companies

**Marla Gleave, Dean for CTE**

* will be leaving June 2017 to return to teaching
* strong ally of the weld department
* replacement is unknown, but position will not be eliminated
* she will be missed

**AS-WT Degree**

* Department has been working on getting a degree program
	+ Currently sitting at the chancellor’s office in Sacramento
	+ Has been a long process, now pending approval
* Started 2008
* Necessary courses have been added in order to get degree approval

**Equipment Upgrades**

* Mass need for new equipment
* In house repairs have been continuously made on CNC table
* Department has been working with Airgas for upgrades

**Strong Workforce Initiative**

* Grant form needs to be filled out
* Multiple rounds left for this grant, but first one was missed
* May use money for addition outside of weld lab( on top of Measure Q money)
* New machines, if money allows
	+ Upgrade TIG equipment
	+ New safety equipment
	+ Upgrade ventilation system
	+ Material/tools to use new equipment
	+ Layout/sheet tables

**Adjourned 7:10pm**