Railroad Operations Program Review Summary Points – October 10, 2019

Attendees:

Dr. Glenn Deibert, Thomas Wesley, and Allen Harris, Coastal Pines; and Steve Conway, TCSG.

Industry Needs:

Introductions were made by each attendee then Steve asked the Coastal Pines team members for a little bit of history about the programs in this PAS group since the college is the sole owner. Glenn explained that the programs have running about 5 years now and they were developed from all the local RR industries in the Waycross area to recruit new workers. The course content is fresh and the college has been actively seeking business and industry input since the inception. Steve then explained that South Georgia and Wiregrass had pulled out of teaching railcar repair TCCs and Atlanta Tech was not offering railroad signaling TCCs either. Steve thought the group should look at the specific RRTC courses Coastal Pines had in the CDB and make needed edits form there.

Railroad Operations Program Content:

The group reviewed and discussed the content of the 4 RRTC courses. Both Thomas and Allen had recently shared the competencies and outcomes with their business and industry contacts and no edits or changes were suggested. Glenn then said the group ought to go ahead and look at the needed time and credit changes for these course since they did have lab 3s. The group spent the next few minutes adjusting times in the three main RRTC courses to make even credits and basic lecture and lab allotments. Allen and Thomas then shared the remaining information of what they knew had been done with welding courses and electrical courses in other program reviews. To the best of the ability of the group today they suggested the content for the three embedded TCCs and the diploma program.

Additional Discussion and Future Work:

The group concluded the day's discussions by talking about next steps. Steve would send out a revised program proposals and course content document in about two weeks. Once finalized by the Coastal Pines work group it could then be shared with industry folks. As soon as all other course revisions are finalized from the program reviews Steve could then make the remaining review documents and the program could go out for college wide review maybe even before the end of this year.