

Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee Meeting Plumbing/Pipefitting Technology

Date: Feb. 23, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Southern Crescent- Griffin Campus

Facilitators: Billy Elliott/Mike Howard

Recorder: Mike Howard

Attendees: Billy Elliott – Southern Crescent
Walter Young – Atlanta Tech
James Foxworth – Albany Tech
Ricky Henson – Dept. Chair, Southern Crescent
Dr. Shawn Utley – VPAA, Wiregrass Georgia
Mike Howard – TCSG

Welcome & Introductions

Mike Howard called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mike thanked Dr. Utley from Wiregrass Georgia for attending the meeting.

Mike Howard provided a brief introduction as the new Curriculum Program Specialist at TCSG, replacing Kenny Adkins who is now concentrating on NCCER and apprenticeships. Mike provided a brief background and his typical office hours at TCSG. Each of the attendees then gave a brief introduction.

TCSG Updates

Mike Howard announced he will create a listserv of the Plumbing instructors which they can use to easily communicate with each other. Once the listserv has been created, he will send out an email with instructions of how to use the listserv.

Mike Howard provided a brief overview of the TCSG/GaDOE Career Pathways and Move On When Ready (MOWR). There was a brief discussion on MOWR. The GaDOE website with the high school career pathways and course descriptions will be distributed on the listserv following the meeting. Mike requested once instructors have the opportunity to review the high school pathway courses to consider identifying an existing TCC or developing a new TCC which could be used for high school MOWR students.

Apprenticeships and NCCER

Mike informed the committee Kenny has been busy setting up apprenticeships around the state and he would be the contact person if there is an interest from local industry.

Mike reminded the committee they should be looking at some type of industry credentials for their students, such as NCCER. NCCER provides industry credentials recognized around the country. To offer NCCER credentials, a college must adopt the NCCER aligned curriculum, use the NCCER textbooks, and the instructor must be NCCER certified. Mike and Kenny teach the

NCCER teacher certification classes at various locations around the state. A college would offer either the traditional curriculum or the NCCER aligned curriculum.

Billy Elliott then provided a review of the NCCER curriculum and how it aligns with the standard curriculum.

Curriculum Review

Because two of the instructors are reasonably new instructors, Mike provided an explanation of the Probe process for curriculum revisions. Mike explained that with two curriculums (standard and NCCER), they could be revised independently.

If the other programs wanted to change to the NCCER curriculum, Mike recommended they do it now since they are still developing their own course material anyway. Billy told them the first year would be the most work, but he would be willing to help in any way.

Mike did request the instructors send him an email indicating any industry credential or licensure available to program graduates. This information is being put into the curriculum database.

Election of New Chair

Through unanimous consent, Billy Elliott was re-elected as IFCC chair.

Wrap-Up and Adjourn

With there being no further business, Mike thanked Dr. Utley for his attendance and the meeting was adjourned.