



## INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

### AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Friday, November 19, 2021

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** webex

**Meeting Facilitator:** Jon Byrd, GNTC

**Recorder:** Tal Loos, STC

**Attendees:** Jon Byrd and Elizabeth Anderson, GNTC; Victoria Herron and David Kuipers, South GA Tech; Mike Lockaby and Wayne Pace, Augusta Tech; Clarence Willis and Ian Toppin, Atlanta Tech ; Mike Engel, Central GA Tech; Tal Loos, Savannah Tech; and Steve Conway, TCSG.

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#### WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Steve Conway and Jon Byrd welcomed everyone to the meeting. Steve briefly shared the agenda topics and Jon kicked off with FAA updates. In brief, Jon stated that there were no FAA updates of significance to share today. The FAA is currently dealing with other agency priorities and changing 147 curriculum is not on the docket.

#### DISCUSSION:

The group then moved on to discuss a few other topics. Mike Lockaby had asked about how to potentially deal with folks from industry that already have an A&P? The SACSCOC residency rule leaves them with 7 credits short once they transfer in AVMT course credits. Tal suggested that creating a new AS degree for these types of folks giving them the opportunity to get the 25% of required hours in general education and transferring in the AVMT credits in a block would work. He has been talking about this idea with folks at MGC and should be able to report back in the spring. AS degrees do require an articulation with a 4 year college. There was some debate with attendees about faculty credentialing for such a program, but these questions can be dealt with at a later time. Victoria then gave a brief update on the state SkillsUSA competitions coming up in early winter. The state contests would be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the GWCC in Atlanta. South GA was holding a local contest prior to this date. Victoria said she really needed a head count of any other state level contestants from the group by January 13<sup>th</sup> to ensure she would have enough contest supplies by the February contest. There were just a few questions regarding missed time for students from their classes, but solutions of makeup were suggested. Jon and Tal then proceeded to give a brief update of a legislative presentation Tal had actually given to legislatures back in September. Tal stated that aviation business and industry leaders had presented to the committee that there is a supply problem of future technicians coming from the existing programs. Both Tal and Adon Clark from MGC had been able to educate legislatures on the specific challenges schools face when offering the AMT

program. In the end Tal and Adon were successful in swaying legislatures to support monetarily the existing programs around the state rather than trying to invest in new ones due to the very long delays with program certification. Jon and the whole group thanked Tal for his work during this presentation. Jon then stated that he had been asked by the TCSG commissioner and deputy commissioner to be a point person for questions and issues related to FAA 147 programs for the system. Jon had agreed to take on this role and he would keep directors apprised as he dealt with questions and other issues moving forward. The last topic discussed was in regards to Snap-on NC3 training kits in measuring, electronic meter use, and even sheet metal. Jon stated that these training kits were excellent to use within the FAA curriculum and it was a real bonus that students got certifications from the process. The group agreed these would be excellent to use across all the programs. Some funding questions were then answered by the group. Curtis then stated that his college had received FAA certification again to begin teaching the general and airframe content come spring term. The group congratulated Curtis and his team on this important accomplishment.

### **CONCLUSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

Steve Conway was going to look at some AS programs in KMS to see if any of the existing ones would work for Tal's AS program suggestion. Tal will update the group in the spring on his talks with MGC.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:50 am

**Minutes Submitted By:** Tal Loos, STC