



INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday, June 10, 2022

Time: 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Location: TCSG System Office, Atlanta

Meeting Facilitator: Jon Byrd, GNTC

Recorder: Tal Loos, Savannah

Attendees: Clarence Willis and Ian Toppin, Atlanta Tech; Joey Turner, Wayne Pace, and Quentin Cooks, Augusta Tech; Daniel Whitehead and Mike Engel, Central GA Tech; Jason Tanner and Alan Biercewicz, Chattahoochee Tech; Jon Byrd, Elizabeth Anderson, Zac Feger, William Bannister, and Eric Nelson, Georgia Northwestern; Tal Loos, Savannah Tech; Victoria Herron, Charles Christmas, Paul Pearson, Paul Larkin, David Grant, and David Kuipers, South GA Tech; Brandy Wilkes, Wiregrass Tech; and Steve Conway, Kathryn Hornsby, and Sandra King, TCSG.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Steve Conway welcomed everyone to the meeting and then he discussed lunch orders for the day as well as building logistics. Jon Byrd then welcomed everyone to the IFCC meeting, especially Chattahoochee and Wiregrass folks who have new programs coming on line, and he reviewed the agenda and tasks for the day. The group agreed to stay on task and to try to complete all course reviews before the end of the day. Jon then used PP slides to review the regulatory timeline of the Part 147 changes. The final rule was posted on May 24th and the TCSG programs now have 120 days to comply. Jon then presented the major changes and points of consideration for the group so everyone could be on the same page. Jon stated that Op Specs are newly added. Schools may have to subscribe to have a web access Op Specs account. Jon is still checking to see if FAA inspectors will also be able to check these. Jon stated that the regulations now allow schools to have multiple locations for the program, but he also cautioned that the FAA can then inspect and visit each location. Jon stated that facilities, equipment and materials are now what will be inspected. Curriculum content must simply be of high quality and must continually keep up with the ACS updates and changes moving forward. Instructor qualifications remain unchanged. The 25:1 max student to instructor ratio is also the same. The new regs require that schools give a separate certificate of completion to each graduating student. Jon opined that colleges' SACSCOC accreditations should suffice for the need to demonstrate quality. Jon added that the minimum passage rate for students is new. 70% of a co-hort must pass 1-3 FAA test sections. Students will be allowed to take the general portion of the curriculum and test as opposed to waiting like they do now. Jon addressed a few questions from the group. He stated that there are two funding sources currently available to programs regarding new equipment purchases. After this the group moved on to review the proposed AVMT course drafts.

DISCUSSION:

Steve then gave a very general overview of the AVMT course changes. Basically course titles were remaining the same. Course numbers are all new to keep the old and new curriculums distinct on a transcript. The course descriptions and all learning outcomes are essentially brand new wording while course competency areas remain about the same. Finally, the new courses allot only lecture and lab contact hours. There are no Lab 3 hours in the proposed standards. Steve assumed the main discussion points for each course would be the allotted contact hours and credits as the verbiage was all coming directly from the ACS documents. Steve then pulled up the spreadsheets Tal had created showing the proposed courses. Jon and Steve reviewed each in turn with the group.

AVMT 1001 – no changes in credits or hours, draft approved

AVMT 1011 – increase in credits and increase in contact hours, draft approved

AVMT 1021 – a slight increase in hours, no credit change, draft approved

AVMY 1026 – reduced by about 10 contact hours, credits the same, draft approved

AVMT 1031 – increased about 5 contact hours to a very important topic, draft approved

AVMT 1211 – no changes really, draft approved

AVMT 2021 – combines 2 existing course and adds a few more contact hours to the existing 2, draft approved after clarifying colleges can do more than minimum hours if they choose

AVMT 2026 – combines 2 courses with little change in hours or credits, draft approved

AVMYT 2041 – slight loss of contact hours, credits the same, draft approved

AVMT 2051 – slight loss of contact hours, credits the same, draft approved

AVMT 2061 – slight loss of contact hours, credits the same, draft approved

AVMT 2071 – slight increase in contact hours and credit, draft approved

AVMT 2081 – slight decrease in contact hours, credits the same, draft approved

AVMT 2086 – slight decrease in contact hours, credits the same, draft approved

AVMT 2091 – a slight increase in contact and credits, draft approved

AVMT 2096 – slight increase in contact hours and credit, draft approved

AVMT 2211 – combines 2 existing courses and adds a bit more contact hours, draft approved

AVMT 2231 – combines 2 existing courses while contact hours remain about the same, draft approved

AVMT 2251 – this is basically a new course with new content, draft approved

AVMT 2261 – slight decrease in contact hours and credit, draft approved

AVMT 2271 – slight decrease in contact hours and credit, draft approved

AVMT 2276 – course remains about the same overall, draft approved

AVMT 2281 – slight decrease in contact hours, credits remain the same, draft approved

AVMT 2286 – slight decrease in contact hours, credits the same, draft approved

CONCLUSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

At the end of the course voting Steve explained that the AVMT course drafts would be locked and made visible in the Course Search in KMS by mid-day Monday. Steve asked each instructor to review these as soon as possible once he sent out the confirmation email Monday. Jon and Elizabeth asked the IFCC to determine whether COMP 1000 should remain in the diploma and degree programs as a required occupational course. The group debated the pros and cons and in the end voted unanimously to leave COMP 1000 off as required course in the new program versions. Colleges who wish to still require this course of these students could do so according to TCSG policy. Jon also discussed some scheduling scenarios regarding fall term. Jon said that GNTC would do part of term for existing students as long as they could. Other folks indicated they would do similar schedules. Steve closed discussion by explaining the probe process which would hopefully start next Friday. The presidents would be able to review probe votes in early July and then approve the program and course changes. Then the state board could approve the new program versions when they meet in August.

Meeting Adjourned: Jon Byrd formally adjourned the IFCC meeting at 2:30 pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Tal Loos, Savannah