



INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

AVIATION MAINTENANCE AND AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday, March 15, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Webex

Meeting Facilitator: Jon Byrd, GNTC

Recorder: Daniel Whitehead, CGTC

Attendees: Jon Byrd, GNTC; Alan Biercewicz and Marcy Smith, Chattahoochee; Jimmie Smith, Savannah; Jefferson Mills, Mike Dinizio, Sandy Stephens, David Payment, Scott Vandiver, Victoria Herron, David Grant and Paul Pearson, South GA; Dan Whitehead, Central GA; Clarence Willis, Atlanta; and Steve Conway, TCSG

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Jon Byrd welcomed all attendees to the Webex meeting promptly at 10 am. Jon stated that this was the first joint meeting of both structural and maintenance faculty but that it is really needed due to heavy interest from the state in both program areas. Jon started the recording of the meeting and the discussion commenced.

DISCUSSION:

Jon stated that there were 4 listening sessions held back in the fall. Jon asked for any comments. Daniel asked if there would be a summary sheet sent out. Jon stated he was compiling that now and that hopefully it could be sent out later this spring. Daniel added that advisory committee member input should always be sought from the colleges when they hold these meetings. The next topic was the state of the AVMT curriculum. Jon shared that his college had some issues with the new times. The parts of term at GNTC make time hard to compress sometimes. South GA tech and Central Ga both stated that they had worked out issues with the course changes. Jon also stated that there was a major back order issue with some of his college's orders from Avotek. The next topic concerned the state of the ASTT curriculum. Central Ga stated that there was psychomotor level training included for NDI topics. Was this really needed? Jon stated that it would be good to check with local advisory committee members about this. Scott added that Delta could do demonstration training for students if asked but not hands on. The group then moved on to discuss college personnel updates. Alan stated that 3 of Chattahoochee's programs were up and running despite still not being in the new building. Equipment is in the hanger and awaiting unwrapping and set up. The ribbon cutting will be April 26th but hopefully the building will be open to staff and students before that time. Jon stated that his request to offer ASTT programs just got state board approved last week. Jon is also working on writing a new TCC for aircraft coatings. He will share once completed. Central stated that they are working on a Skills Bridge program for Vets . It would allow them to

complete two TCCs. However, the college was having real challenges finding an instructor. Jon suggested having local industry talk to legislatures about special funding needed for in demand areas such as this. Jon then asked the group how enrollments were going? In general, most colleges were seeing strong initial enrollment or even a wait list but that attrition was becoming noticeable in the new cohorts. It was hard finding a root cause but perhaps the removal of admission testing could be part of it. Jon closed comments by stating that the back logs of Avotek and similar items is making older POs become a problem if they are not executed prior to TCSG moving to a new accounting system. Jon told everyone to keep an eye on these and be prepared to have to justify continuing need. Jon asked the group if future IFCC meetings might rotate around the various colleges. The group really liked this proposal.

CONCLUSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Jon was going to send out the recording to all the faculty for any further comment and then official minutes will be sent.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 11am.

Minutes Submitted By: Daniel Whitehead, CGTC