

Advisory Committee – Truck Driving Academy

MINUTES of the Meeting

Friday, October 25, 2019

CHAIRPERSON: Amy McClellan

ATTENDEES:

ΤΟΡΙϹ	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome and Introductions	Led by Amy McClellan Welcome to committee members Charge of the advisory committee and its members was reviewed Introductions of all members present 	NA
2. Enrollment Trend and Completion Data	Led by Amy McClellan - Reviewed the current trends in the program o Discussion on the parallels with the economy and the low unemployment rate o Discussed the funding obstacles o Site Locations and how that has helped the business - Graduation Survey o Why we began the survey o Incentivize the survey (\$25 per verified returned survey) o Results of the survey • Great instructors and knowledge in the classroom and pad • Administrative staff is very helpful and polite • Some of the equipment could use some updating o The return rate for the survey is 37% - a typical online/email campaign is 25%	Continue to work to cycle out the equipment drawing upon grants and partnerships to assist with providing new/used equipment.
3. Overview of the TDA Program at SSCC	 Led by JT Smith Program locations Revenue for the program Challenges as they relate to students finding funding options and taking advantage of the ones that are available. Federal and State updates as they relate to the program. 	NA
4. Current Challenges	 Led by JT Smith Funding as previously mentioned; as all things revolve around funding of our students to benefit from the program and the in-demand occupation. Finding supplemental forms of income during "slow" periods. 	NA

5. Update of the Current/Future Industry Trends & Employment Outlook	 Lead by Amy McClellan and JT Smith Expanding services as it relates to CDL and contract training Pending grants to assist with equipment and financial assistance TechCred training dollars via the State of Ohio for companies 	NA
6. Employer Recommendations for Improvement and Addressing Needs	 Open Discussion Need to utilize the resources and opportunities that we have Talk to Unions, Trade Companies, skilled trade companies. Winter tends to be a slower time when training and upskilling can occur for employees. Loading and unloading semi capabilities – fork truck, stacking, docking Diesel mechanics – things that can complement the truck driving profession Market more. Go to trade shows to show what you have to offer Be unique in your offerings Do what isn't being done right now Fill the voids We (SSCC TDA) is highly regarded in the CDL training circles in the state of Ohio Ohio Truckers Associations – get their backing and buy-in to help with funding sources such as the RLF to keep them going and encourage the profession Consider being a testing site for additional revenue from not only SSCC students but also a source of income for others looking to test. 	
9. Adjourn	SSCC TDA T-Shirts were handed out to committee members Encouraged an open door policy for any additional suggestions pertaining to the program.	