Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Present: Miguel Valenzuela, Charles Kelly, Ronnie Watson, Ramon “Noon” Vela, Elbre “Frosty” Hickerson, James Mireles, and Cassi Laxton

Old Business

* There was no old business discussed.

New Business

* Mrs. Laxton gave an update on the 2021-2022 Academic Year. She reported there were 44 graduates from the Allen Campus (Cosmetology – 13, LVN – 3, Associate Degree - 28, Pathways – 21) and that the graduation would be live streamed on May 6th at 7:00 pm. She also reported to the board of the Honors Ceremony on May 5th at 6:00 pm in Borger which highlights outstanding students, Phi Theta Kappa Induction, nurse pinning, and stole presentations.
* Upcoming plans were mentioned as follows:
  + The need for on campus English classes (ENGL1301, ENGL1302, ENGL2332, ENGL2333) was discussed. The Allen Campus is still looking for someone locally to fill this adjunct position.
  + The Allen Campus has been working hard to recruit more strategically by visiting close high schools and talking to students about FPC offerings. High Schools visited and planned include the following:
    - Darrouzett on 4/13/2022 – 23 students
    - Follett on 4/18/2022 – 42 students
    - Spearman on 4/19/2022 – 70 students
    - Booker on 4/20/2022 – 60 students
    - Balko on 4/27/2022 – 10 students
    - Homeschool Academy on 4/27/2022 – 3 students
    - Canadian on May 11th
  + Miguel Valenzuela commented that another way to recruit is by attending the local chamber events (Moonlight Madness, Block Party Parade, etc.)
  + Continuing Education programs were discussed as follows: The CNA class did not make in March/April due to the low number of students; administrator changes in the college’s Law Enforcement Training Program (TCOLE) have happened due to people leaving and the need to fill vacant positions; Cassi Laxton is now the Chief Administrator of the TCOLE program for FPC; Tall Cop has been scheduled for 2/22/2023; Basic Computer will be taught this summer by Kelin Harrison; HESI Prep being taught now and in July/August.
  + A CDL update was given on the program, equipment, instructors, and evaluators. Several board members wanted to know the status of the program and any additional equipment needs. Mrs. Laxton told the board all paperwork had been submitted to the state for the college to become a training provider, the evaluators and designated responsible parties have been background checked and fingerprinted, and the equipment donated included 2 trucks and 2 trailers. FPC is waiting on evaluators to be trained by the state and routes to be approved by the state.
  + CTE Program updates were discussed in the areas of Cosmetology, Diesel & Ag Mechanics, and Welding. Cosmetology continues to have a lot of interest. Mrs. Laxton told the board of the creation of a matrix for the dual credit completion of Cosmetology as well as the addition of the Barber School to the program in Borger. Diesel Mechanics & Ag Tech has been requested as a program to start by FPC in the Perryton area. The Allen Campus is putting together an Advisory Board for this program and moving forward with curriculum design and grant funding for equipment needs. Mrs. Laxton informed the board of industry partners coming forward with promising leads in equipment donations and internship possibilities. Welding continues to be a great area of growth for PHS in moving toward a P-Tech pathway with FPC. PHS is writing a JET grant to help equip the welding area at the new facility.
  + Mrs. Laxton told the board of upcoming events on campus as the following:
    - Graduation Baskets – May 4th
    - Water Festival – May 18th
    - Kid’s College – 2 weeks in June
  + Other discussion centered around the workforce expansion into the new facility. The building has been purchased and the Perryton CDC is working on a lease to present to the college.