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The meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the Industrial Center Building. Attending was Bryan Fortenberry, Melvin McGregor, and John Waddell. Representatives from Amarillo College included Dash Danner, Debra Russell, and Bobbie Wilson. Dash Danner opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

PROGRAM UPDATE

There was an increase of 5,778 contact hours from the fall ‘98 semester to the fall ‘99 semester. The increase from spring ‘99 to spring ‘00 was 6,391 contact hours. All the welding classes are offered as academic credit or adult continuing education.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The 26 semester hour Welding Certificate includes five core classes and one advanced class. Students have the choice to take one of three advanced options to complete their certificate and can then come back for the other two advanced classes if they want. Bobbie pointed out that A.W.S. qualification tests are part of the curriculum for the advanced classes. Classroom attendance is also a percentage of the final grade.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Three MIG welding machines were received last year and this year the Welding department will receive four additional MIG machines and four Arc welding machines. Bobbie said that with both old and new machines, students are more versatile and learn how to better take care of all the equipment.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Metallurgy is a helpful topic for the students to know.
- Many pieces of equipment used in the welding field are becoming computerized. It was suggested that a beginning computer class would be beneficial to the students.
- All agreed that meeting in the evening is a good time.
- It was stressed how important the Advisory Committee is to the Welding program.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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