

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Fire Technology Advisory Committee
January, 25, 2012
HU206 6:00 PM

Present

David Trussell – LCC

Tim Williams- Cal-Fire

Donna McCain – Cal-Fire

Steve Millert- USFS

Dan Weaver-SFD

Bill Studt-LCC

Kayleigh Carabajal-LCC

Jennifer Bird-LCC

Dave Clausen-LCC

Dave Ramirez- USFS

6:00 Welcome Introductions

Meeting was called to order Tim Williams at 6:13 pm

Round table introductions and welcome

Approval of Minutes from November 11, 2008

Donna McCain moved to approve minutes, Dan Weaver seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion of Co-Generation Plant

Lassen College Interim President, Bill Studt relayed that the College Board is seeking the removal of the Cogeneration Plant. A consulting firm is to determine the salvage value and cost of demolition along with several proposals and cost scenarios for different options. They are also interested in discussion with fire agencies that may be interested in purchasing or using the building as training facility or fire department. The possibility of a “Safety Center” with local fire and law enforcement agencies would also be of interest. If the demolition does occur during the proposed timeline of spring 2013, the land would still be available for use. Dave Clausen asked if anyone had any funding ideas which was followed by mention of Homeland Security, Chancellor’s Office, or bonds. President Studt noted that the board was interested in a break-even margin on demolition versus salvage. Discussion followed and it was determined that a retrofit would be too cost prohibitive at this time but money sources may be more available in years to come. The agencies in attendance agreed that they would be interested in creating a training facility at a later date when funding sources were easier to obtain. Everyone agreed that a continued dialogue would be beneficial and that earmarking a portion of the salvage profits for a safety center would be favorable.

Approval and Charge of Advisory Committee

Because Wayne Bienkowski has been unreachable and it is believed that he may have relocated, Dave would like to replaced him on the committee with Steve Millert of the US Forest Service as a voting member. Lacking a quorum, a vote will be taken via email then forwarded on to Kayleigh Carabajal. Dave Trussell brought forward the need for the committee to have a mission statement. An email will be sent out soliciting input.

Curriculum and Contract Updates

Dave Trussell noted that there are five new classes being sent forward for approval through the curriculum committee due to the new contract with the USFS which was received 1/24/12. The contract has not yet been finalized but has been sent forward to the college auditors after some small language

changes. It was brought up that a RIO class and Fire Training Instructor 1C class were needed for the Fall semester. The Cal-FIRE contract is being renegotiated for language and dollar amounts.

Proposed OC Crew

Discussions with the Forest Service have led to an interest in re-organizing an Organized Crew via Lassen College. Such a crew would provide excellent on the job training and experience for firefighter prospects as well as exposure to the agencies that typically hire. The goal is to have the crew ready for the upcoming fire season. Steve Millert said the Forest Service may be able to supplement the crew with \$10,000 for protective equipment, etc. and they would provide 80 hours of paid training per year, per student. They would also provide the overhead (supervision) for the crew, make SIFC aware of the crew's availability and order the bus when the crew is called. The college would provide the employees, preferably Fire Science students, and Dave Trussell and Jennifer Bird would work on an application/selection process. The college would have no commitment to provide transportation for the crew and would be reimbursed if we provide any equipment such as chainsaws to a fire. A lengthy discussion followed, outlining how the crew would work and what responsibilities each entity would have. Some of the ideas suggested were:

- Property transfer for nomex, etc. to be stored at college and checked out as needed
- Prerequisites=Basic 32, I-700, Pack test, Fire Science classes, PE class, work experience, possible forestry classes
- Develop an OC Crew Academy for preparation
- Top 20 make it on crew, selected by college instructor(s) involved with required classes
- Summer work at LCC, or MOU with agencies to promote crew cohesion between fires
- Open enrollment for classes must still apply
- Possible MOUs/contracts with other agencies

Both Kayleigh Carabajal and Dave Clausen along with representation from all agencies present were very supportive of this idea and suggested it be fast-tracked for readiness by summer. Dave Trussell and Jennifer Bird will work on the application process and requirements.

Next Meeting

The need to meet more frequently was brought up and it was decided that meeting once per semester would be appropriate. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm