2011-2012

Committee Annual Report

Committee Name: Vernon College Heat, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Advisory Committee

Chairperson: Lee Ritchie

List of members:

Lee Ritchie	Service Manager, Vice President	Texoma Heating and Air Conditioning
Rick Baker	Service Manager	James Lane Air Conditioning and Plumbing
Vickie McFadden	Counselor	Hirschi High School
Steve Holiday	Mechanical Coordinator	Carrigan Career Center
Gus Bauder	Director of Automation	Temperature Control Systems
John Witter	Service Technician	Dalorem Heating and AC
Richard Savage	Owner/Technician	Wichita Appliance
Darren Kirkpatrick	Service Manager	Ferguson/Veresh Heating and Air Conditioning
Kitty Howard	Deputy Director	North Texas Workforce Solutions Board
Lou Lucero	Lab Assistant, Adjunct Instructor	Vernon College
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Dates of meetings: 11-10-2011; spring 2012 update letter, 3/4/2012

Accomplishments: The committee reviewed and approved the project objectives and competencies with no changes this year; the change to the new text <u>Fundamentals of HVAC/R</u> was well received by the students. The program was promoted in media advertisements emphasizing gender equity.

Recommendations: Reading blueprints and specs to be added as objectives in several courses; recommended checking to see if CE can offer a course in blueprint reading. Members recommended continued use of Internet for updated skills and knowledge to stay current.

Membership suggestions: None

Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address: Advisory Committee meeting agenda and minutes; spring 2012 update letter for Advisory Committee members.

Submitted by: Scott McClure Date submitted: 7/31/2012

To: HVAC Advisory committee members

Purpose: Update committee members in lieu of a face to face meeting.

Dear HVAC advisory committee members,

I am sending out this letter of update for the HVAC program instead of having a spring advisory meeting. Two meeting s a year are not required now unless something of high importance has arisen that needs the attention of the committee in person.

Topics:

Minutes from fall meeting: see enclosed.

Graduates: the HVAC program will be graduating 9 students this spring. The program has 36 students enrolled for the spring semester

Goals and Objectives: Nothing has changed here since our fall meeting.

Facilities: Still working on setting up equipment in the new space and rearranging equipment in the old space.

External learning experiences: One student is currently working on a practicum. Still wishful of opportunities for internship opportunities from HVAC/R companies. All companies are still reluctant to take on students due to liability issues.

Professional development: Attended training provided by Wichita AC over variable speed compressor technologies and Custom Wholesale over Rheem rooftop units. HVAC student were allowed to set in on Rheem training. Gave CE training for HVAC contractors covering Laws, Codes, and metering devices.

Recruitment and publicity: staff continues to speak to high school students during tours. Will have a ladies night this spring to get the message out that the trades are open to them. The college is running TV ads and radio ads for the HVAC program as well.

Special population: the program has two ladies enrolled. Of course, in my opinion all humans are special.

I appreciate all of your time and help, Scott McClure - HVAC Instructor