

2011-2012

Committee Annual Report

Committee Name: Vernon College Industrial Automated Systems Advisory Committee

Chairperson: Mark Jackson

List of members:

Mark Jackson Raymond Forsyth	Automation Specialist Electronic Tech.	Cryovac Cryovac
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Dates of meetings: 11-10-2011; update letter to Advisory Committee 7/18/2012

Accomplishments: The committee reviewed and approved the project objectives and competencies with no changes this year. They approved deletion of the Basic Fluid Power course and include the content in Electromechanical Systems and add a new course Electrical Systems Design in order to teach at a higher skills level including green technology.

Recommendations: For professional development the members recommended Fanuc Vision training over Compact Logix even though the Fanuc may be more costly.

Membership suggestions: Make up of the committee should reflect the racial/ethnicity of the region.

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

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Industrial Automation Advisory Committee member:

As we approach the upcoming 2012/2013 academic year, I would like to take some time to update you on the program. Our student enrollment has been declining over the past couple of years, but we are very constant with about 10 to 12 graduates a year. This number represents twice the needed amount to satisfy state requirements. Also, the program was able to receive an additional compact logic trainer through received Spring Perkin's adjustment funding. These three trainers will be added to the curriculum in ELPT 2449, Industrial Automation in Spring 2012. Other Fall 2012 discussion topics will be possible changes to the basic certificate program, the addition of an advance certificate degree and an additional Associate degree option for the machining students.

For the upcoming fall meeting, our main focus will be getting feedback on the proposed additional changed format of the Associate degree program. This addition to the Industrial Automation program will offer a second option for graduates in advanced manufacturing/Machining. This was done to give the machining students an option to continue their degree plans into an associate's level training in Industrial Automation. We will also brainstorm possible initiatives to increase enrollment along with reviewing program statistical data.

Once again, I thank you for your service and commitment to the Industrial Automation Systems program. I look forward to our Fall 2012 annual meeting and if you have any needs or question I can help with, please call. I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know what a valuable asset you are to the program. Each year, I look forward to our meeting not only inform you of major events driving the automation program, but to also get your input for improvements to the program.

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Minutes from Fall 2011 annual meeting attached.