

**Aeronautics Advisory Committee
Meeting Minute 11/13/2012**

Members Present:

Martin Picke	Victor Valley college
Dick Thompson	SBVC Aeronautics
John D. Lyon	Wathen Center/ Flabob Airport
Kevin Kammer	SBVC Aeronautics
James Hoyt	SBVC Aeronautics
Tom Teeguarden	SBVC Aeronautics
Jim Testerman	SkyWest Airlines
Rob Hesseltine	Lighthouse / All American Aviation / SBVC
Kevin Baker	Alliance for Education
Art Peterson	Wathen Center

Members Excused:

Jenny De La Mora	CSB Workforce Development
Dewayne Keating	Ameriflight Aviation
Jon Goldenbaum	Consolidated Coatings
Gary Clasen	Skywest Airlines
Kevin McKenzie	Wathen Foundation
Ron Hillbrands	Mission Aviation Fellowship
Steve Bove	Skywest Airlines
David Vezina	Burbank Unified School District
Dean Hall	Certified Aviation Services
Sally Alvarado	All American/Lighthouse Learning Resource Center
Arlene Dorskocil	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Jenny De La Mora	San Bernardino County WDD

Meeting Start: 11:00am

Brought to order by Art Peterson
Approval of minutes moved, seconded, and approved
Introduction of members

Industry Update:

John Lyon shared that the partnership with Big Picture Learning was developing and that this program was associated with 140 charter schools and colleges across the nation Progress on new curriculum content with a focus on continuing education toward Veterans that are moving in a career path of flight operations and Aviation Maintenance. John also shared that California Baptist College is starting an aviation program with a current emphasis on flight operations and flight training and then possibly developing an aviation maintenance training program.

Kevin Kammer shared that all of the aviation maintenance program courses have passed the curriculum committee process with modifications in courses numbering and

content that better reflects the differences between the laboratory courses and the lecture courses. Kammer distributed copies of modifications and approved Class numbering changes and asked for a review of modifications. The committee approved as a body the curriculum modifications.

Richard Thompson shared that it is difficult to accept the administrative decision to not offer the Private Pilot course at SBVC. He shared that the course has been a community benchmark for aviation flight education for 65 years. He stated that the Private Pilot program was a starting place for aviation careers and was a direct feeder for the aviation maintenance program.

Achala Chatterjee shared that the flight operations program did not have any students who have completed the flight operations program in many years. She shared the program prioritization committee reviewed data like certificates issued and made recommendations to administration based on this data. Achala shared that the administration and industry are looking for more immediate certificate programs that directly funnel into employment, not down the road and several years, what can we offer students now for rapid employment opportunities? She shared that baby boomers were not retiring and the college needed to offer more immediate career opportunities.

Dennis Brown shared that the Part 141 Private Pilot program was one of the only places in the Inland Empire that you could go to and receive the quality of training that a Part 141 school provides. He stated that this would be a devastating loss to the aviation community for people wishing to start a career in aviation.

Rob Hesseltine shared that his flight school continued to have increasing starts for new pilot training and that he was looking for additional instructors.

John Lyon shared that programs like this one at SBVC are stepping stones for starting a career in aviation and that by removing this part it will hinder career development for many in the area.

Art Peterson suggested that a letter be sent to the administration about concerns with the private Pilot program. He elicited a motion that he be directed to draft the letter and forward it to Mr. Kammer for forwarding to the administration.

Martin Picke from Victor Valley College stated that their program was growing and that the transfer of the program from the start up agency to the college was progressing. He shared that this would improve the quality and the organization of the program.

Jim Testerman shared that SkyWest was continuing to hire maintenance personnel and that graduates should be persistent with the hiring process that can be viewed as cumbersome and not very user friendly. He shared that applicants should frequently follow up on their application to ensure that it is viewed. He also stated that if an applicant was turned down that he or she should reapply and not give up on the process.

Jim Hoyt shared that we have an opportunity to upgrade one of the aero department's primary training aircraft with the addition or replacement of the Beech B-50 with a Beechcraft Bonanza. Due to the continuing deterioration of the aircraft from many years of student use the aircraft is in poor condition from a training standpoint. Mr. Kammer pointed out that this aircraft has had funds directed at it for upgrade and maintenance and that it has been on the program review and needs assessment for several years as a department priority for replacement. Mr. Hoyt shared that the Aero Department had recently received donations of an Exec 90 Rotorway helicopter, a Mooney M-20A low wing monoplane and an airplane

construction project in the assembly process. He shared that this equipment will be incorporated into the training program.

Kevin Baker from Alliance for Education shared that his programs are working to develop a “pipeline” for work and learning opportunities. He shared that there is a web page that shares information on STEM programs and that this can incorporate information on various CTE programs in the area.

John Lyon shared that there are varied opinions on the issue facing all of education and especially CTE education that tends to have higher costs than academic programs. John shared that the Wathen Center will focus on education being offered to returning veterans. This will allow reentry into the social fabric with good opportunities for employment in their chosen field.

Art Peterson asked if there was any new business or discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM.,