

## Aviation Advisory Committee Agenda

Thursday, October 29 1:00-2:30

WebEx On-Line Meeting

### ATTENDEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Gibbs, AvMax Group              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandra Bauman, Dean                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Gresens, Helena Aircraft          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Burke, Executive Director of CTE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Hays, Boeing Company            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tod Dumas, Instructor                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karl Krueger, Reach Air Medical         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridget Guerin, Administrative Associate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nic Lynn, Neptune Aviation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Loomis, Director of Community Engagement       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Norhton, Exec Air Montana           | <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Tripplehorn, Adjunct Instructor              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Orcutt, Aircraft Magneto Service | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wes Walker, Instructor                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Reeves, Exec Air Montana           | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant, Career Connections Coordinator              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Snyder, Neptune Aviation            | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brent Vetter, Vetter Aviation           | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                     |

### Curriculum and Instruction

- Identify and expand the use of new technologies.
  - Needing small planes, helicopters, reciprocating engines, \*\*turbine engines
  - HC will need grants and donations for expansive technology.
    - Neptune would like Tod & Wes to visit them; they could have resources to donate.
- Review and recommend instructional materials, as well as assist in obtaining them.
  - Avionics is important – installations, certifications, and repairs.
    - Possibly could offer a certificate at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
  - HC needs to work on more trouble shooting skills so the students learn how to do a more complete thought process.
    - Tod discussed that they are having the students do more projects that promote critical thinking.
  - Basic Skills:
    - pinning, de-pinning, slicing, crimping
    - teaching “parts vs whole” – encourages understanding how things work
- Advise on labor market needs and trends and how you see Covid-19 affecting jobs.
  - Regionally
    - holding steady

- Nationally
  - The airlines are slow and are expected to be for 12-18 months longer.
  - Cargo is picking up recently.
  - Charter services are busy.
  - Tanker services are stable.

### **Program Review**

- Review and recommend program goals and objectives.
  - Avionics has been discussed in the past; important to try to work it into the program.
  - Businesses are happy with our past students; they have always seemed sharp and work well.

### **Recruitment and Job Placement**

- Notify instructors of entry-level job openings for students.
  - HC had a Job Fair planned for last spring, but due to covid-19 it was cancelled. We are hoping to have one this spring, but it will be dependent on the virus.
    - We might have it held outside in the parking lot if having groups inside is not an option.
  - Businesses are welcome to visit HC and talk to our classes or individual students.
    - As of right now, the businesses do not need any new employees.

### **Staff Development**

- Conduct workplace tours.
  - HC would like to do a field trip to visit businesses and see the many aspects of aviation to get an overview of the different professions, but at this point we are not allowed group travel.
    - Neptune in Missoula is not accepting student visitors right now, but the instructors are encouraged to visit.

### Open Discussion:

- Tammy mentioned that we might be able to do some trainings at HC for industry workers.
  - Week-long intensive training during the summer.
  - A&P Test Prep
  - Remote learning could be taught from HC with the hands-on learning through Neptune.
  - Talk with Ryan Loomis about a grant that could pay 80% of the cost.