Aviation Advisory Committee Agenda
Thursday, October 29 1:00-2:30
WebEx On-Line Meeting

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

Curriculum and Instruction
• Identify and expand the use of new technologies.
  o Needing small planes, helicopters, reciprocating engines, **turbine engines
  o 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.
  o Avionics is important – installations, certifications, and repairs.
    ▪ Possibly could offer a certificate at the end of the 2nd year.
  o 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.
  o Basic Skills:
    ▪ pinning, de-pinining, 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.
  o Regionally
    ▪ holding steady
o 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.
  o Avionics has been discussed in the past; important to try to work it into the program.
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o Week-long intensive training during the summer.
  o A&P Test Prep
  o Remote learning could be taught from HC with the hands-on learning through Neptune.
  o Talk with Ryan Loomis about a grant that could pay 80% of the cost.