

Diesel Power Technology
Fall 2022 Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 3rd, 2022
Time: 6:30pm

External Participants: 8

Steve Deller – West Side Tractor - Product Support Manager
Duane Schroeder – CIT Trucks Rockford - Shift Foreman
Tim Stahl – CIT Trucks Loves Park - Service Manager
Jim Garner – CIT Trucks Loves Park - General Manager
Lawrence Tennial – Rockford Mass Transit - Maintenance Manager
Ryan Grzywa- Vermeer Midwest - Customer Service Manager
Brett Dewey – Prairie State Tractor - After Market Manager
Charlie Jensen- Lakeside International Trucks - Service Manager

Internal Participants: 6

Chase Budziak – Dean of Instruction
LaCretia Konan – Dean of Workforce & Community Education
John Boesche – Diesel Power Faculty
Mark Engel- Diesel Power Faculty
Donovan Flink – Diesel Power Faculty
Katie Macias – Minutes

I. Program Update

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed without corrections. Current program enrollments were shared, identifying an increase in enrollment in fall 2022.

The Diesel Power students and faculty travelled to the John Deere Pavilion Museum and John Deere Davenport Works. During the trip students toured the plant where hybrid articulated dump trucks and front loaders are built.

II. Industry Update & Labor Market Discussion

Several areas within industry are seeing advancements in electric, hybrid, and hydrogen cells in a variety of applications including construction and agriculture. However, on-road applications such as semi-trucks are not.

Committee shares the need for CDL training for technicians and graduates of the Diesel Power program. Committee members share interest in sponsoring the course costs for interns between their freshman and sophomore year.

III. Work-Based Learning

Interview Day for spring internships will be held in person in early March 2023. An email will be sent out in January to save the dates for Interview Day and employee panel discussions.

IV. Plans for Next Meeting

Spring 2013 Diesel Power technology meeting will follow Interview Day event in March 2023.