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Don Mikes, Dean of Central Campus, CTC, Killeen, TX
Billy Hazzard, Department Chair, ITEC, CTC, Killeen, TX
Dianne Dudley, Department Assistant, CTC, Killeen, TX

Mr. Hazzard opened the meeting with the welcome. He informed everyone that Mr. Powell would provide an update of the Graphics and Printing Program; where it is going, the changes that have taken place and where the program stands at this moment.

Mr. Powell started by addressing equipment upgrades such as the Hamada 234 Press, an Epson 780 color plotter printer, and a Xerox color laser printer. A new textbook, Graphics and Communications, have been incorporated into the program. He said that all tests will be redone according to changes in new textbook and that rewriting of the module book which will integrate the new technology in the textbook. He has completed updates on Press Operations I, II, and III. In the bindery section there were a number of changes that have been made. The Perfect Binder is gone and was sold at the auction. Although old technology, we still teach the darkroom course. This year's biggest effort has been writing the Digital Publishing, ARTC 1, 2, and 3 module books. There is a new Adobe III upgrade for our computer systems. We are integrating four color (CYMK) process in Prepress Techniques and Digital Publishing I and III.

Mr. Powell is going to rewrite the in-house apprenticeship program with more emphasis on preventive maintenance and assigning more projects to develop their skill level. He has two internships with reprographics which he reserves for his best students. Currently, there are 18 students enrolled in the program with the majority coming at night.

Mrs. McKinney said she was impressed with the new equipment added in the Print shop and pleased they were teaching color processes. All agreed that the four color press was difficult for students to set up but they must understand before imputing information on the computer. She and her students were introduced to the Hidelbury Quip Master 12x18 Press at a graphics fair. Mr. Scott Keese said that he has a press like this at his business. It was suggested that Mrs. McKinney's students should go and see Mr. Kesse's press in operation.

Mrs. Brenda Klinger was glad that the print shop is teaching more graphics with newer technology. As a student, she thought that the press courses were awesome but is glad that the graphic part has been upgraded.

Mr. David Swanson said he would like to have the 1850 Press but there was a problem at the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) with security issues and getting repair technicians in his area. In the graphic area, students are not allowed to freelance materials as it is considered contraband which it might be taken back to their area for trade.

Mr. Swanson stated that TDC has a print shop at the Hobby Unit. Students are interviewed for jobs in their print shop. The program, called Project REO for ex-offenders, assist them with employment with printing agencies. One of the disadvantages for his students, the state purchases textbooks and many are outdated which have old technology in them. He teaches PageMaker for 3 weeks then the rest of the course is taught on Indesign. In Adobe Bridge students have difficulty understanding what they can and cannot do. Mrs. McKinney agreed that some students are afraid to experiment because they might break the computer; afraid of the computer or just new technology.

Mr. Keese said that students need to understand how to layout graphic projects so they can make better use of large presses. This will allow them to arrange signatures for printing and think through the bindery process including bleeds and cutting. Students need to take a project from conception to the finished project.

Mrs. Miller stated that students should know about bleeds which is difficult for many to understand the processes. Committee members had different views about font types but most agreed that students should not use Old English font style. It may be nice to look at but extremely difficult to read. They sometimes forget what their purpose is and that is to print things that can be easily read.

Mr. Hazzard said that Mr. Powell had attended the WECM conference in Midland and will be going again in June. An advantage of attending was to protect your interests as well as getting good feedback from other instructors. In next year's budget, we asked for a new press (new equipment) which includes the maintenance contract. It is difficult to

determine which is better; more cost efficient to upgrade or repair an old out dated piece of equipment. In this case, we requested money through Carl Perkins Funds.

Mr. Hazzard asked the Committee Members if there was a need to continue the programs. The committee agreed that there was a definite need. All members present agreed that the Graphics and Printing Technology Programs.

The committee members completed the annual evaluation of the Graphics and Printing Program and the Contact Information Form.

Mr. Hazzard thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed his appreciation for their assistance and support of the Graphics and Printing Technology Program. Everyone was invited to tour the facilities

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Hazzard.

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