

Piedmont Community College

Gunsmithing Program Review

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary for the Gunsmithing Program Review is submitted below. The report focuses on strengths, weaknesses, recommendations, and an action plan. The comprehensive report will be completed in about two weeks. Members of the committee were:

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| * Mike Dossett | Dean, Technical and Occupational Programs (Chair) |
| * Libbie McPhaul-Moore | Instructor/Coordinator, Distance Education |
| * Lennie Moore | Instructor, Gunsmithing |
| * Brian Zappia | Instructor, Gunsmithing |
| * Tina Bryant-Allen | Director, Research and Institutional Effectiveness |

STRENGTHS

Strengths identified by the committee and external sources (advisory committees, most common employers of our students, employer's surveys, etc.) and students (surveys, class/instructor evaluations, focus groups, etc.):

- The program has an excellent supply of equipment and tools.
- Full time instructors have outstanding knowledge and experience.
- Excellent support is available for students in the program area and student services.
- The curriculum enables students to acquire a diversity of skills.
- Instructional/lab space is sufficient and effectively used.
- Scholarships and other types of financial aid are available for students.

WEAKNESSES

Weaknesses identified by the committee, external sources, and students:

- The program is sharing some space with pottery.
- More links are needed for prospective students to connect to the PCC website.
- There are currently insufficient local entry-level work opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations to improve the program:

- Find a permanent home for pottery.
- Increase ways for prospective students to find out about the program.
- Research more local (and short commute) work opportunities.

ACTION PLAN

The table below addresses the action plan.

Item	Plan	Responsibility	Timeline
Find a permanent home for pottery.	During Fall semester 2010, locate a suitable place for the pottery program. Move pottery equipment in time for Spring semester 2011.	Mike Dossett	Fall '10
Increase ways for prospective students to find out about the program.	Work with PCC Recruiter and PIO to broaden the ways to recruit students. Specifically, focus on links to the PCC website.	PCC Recruiter/PIO	Fall '10
Research more local (and short commute) work opportunities.	Utilize the Gunsmithing Program Advisory Committee and instructors contacts to develop more local opportunities for graduates.	Brian Zappia and Lennie Moore	Spring '11
Continue to review Student Learning Outcomes	Gunsmithing faculty will meet during Convocation and at other times with SLO coaches and the Dean.	Dean	2010-11