

AGENDA ITEM 10.a

Program change: Certificate of Achievement in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIVE: The board approves the program modification for the Certificate of Achievement in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning to be effective fall 2015.

DISCUSSION: Based on assessment of the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning program, faculty recommended program modifications. The assessments indicated that the program was not relevant to industry standards. The structure of the program was mostly theory and only some practical training. Best practices in trades and technology suggest a 70/30 ratio. This means 70% of the course should be practical training and 30% theory. The program is also restructured to comply with the new policy on best practices in refrigeration and air conditioning mandate by the Montreal Protocol and as stipulated in the MOU between the FSM Office of Emergency and Environment Management and the college.

The modifications are:

- Revised program mission statement
- Reduced program learning outcomes from six to four
- Combined major courses from six to two and made the two courses 10 credits each (5 hours lecture and 15 hours practical training)
- Changed general education requirements to match certificate level
- Reduced total program credits from 35 to 34

The Curriculum and Assessment Committee endorsed the program modification on April 27, 2015. Executive Committee endorsed the program modification on May 29, 2015.

ACTION TAKEN:

- _____ Approved as presented
- _____ Approved w/ modifications
- _____ Disapproved
- _____ Deferred to a later meeting

VOTE:

_____aye _____nay _____abstain

DATE: _____