

Director of the Academy of Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing

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My understanding is that Jeanne Smith is retiring and there will be a shifting again at Olympic with who is providing services directly to the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering career efforts at the Olympic TEAM and METS Schools.

From my perspective, and I am sure the other business partners agree, we hope that considerable care and importance be given to how the upcoming decisions concerning Olympic personnel will significantly influence the progress with the advanced manufacturing and engineering programs since their high level of success is based upon collaboration, trust, relationships, and partnerships. We need to avoid those problems that surfaced last Summer and carried on throughout the end of 2014.

My understanding is that John Davis is interested in taking over for Jeanne Smith with the managing of the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering career academy. From our perspective, he becomes the perfect candidate and obvious choice to succeed Jeanne because: 1) John possesses the most knowledge about advanced manufacturing and the work that has already been conducted and remains ongoing with this project; 2) John is currently on top of everything occurring in the machine shop and the advanced manufacturing ad hoc curriculum committee efforts; 3) John has the confidence, trust, and a strong working relationship established with the advanced manufacturing and engineering partners as well as the key teachers in those programs.

A decision otherwise could prove disruptive and means we start over, again, and intentionally risk moving backwards as opposed to taking advantage of the momentum that has been building since the effort was reorganized in 2015. Steps taken backwards is bound to spark frustration from the community partners. What transpired during the Summer of 2014 and lasted until the end of the year has created a situation that still remains somewhat fragile, but is progressing positively towards being repaired to its original condition. I am hopeful that progress continues and is not put at risk.

We give John Davis our highest recommendation and support his candidacy to succeed Jeanne Smith in supporting TEAM and METS with their career academy efforts.

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