

Gavilan College Aviation Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 9, 2024
6:00 PM – Online & In-Person

I. Introductions

II. Program Status

First year – 25+ (Waiting list)

2 dropped before No Record Shown

1 receiving “W” in Airframe & “F” in General – health

1 incomplete in Airframe – health – complete summer

22 completing General, 20 completing Airframe

13 moving up (one may move away) (10 last year)

Second year – 13 students, 10 graduating

4 – Women – 11% (1 less than last semester)

Fall First year – 22 already registered, Second year 15 to 16 students.

Study skills and class discipline some of the lost I can remember.

Covid? Need to tailor class to meet the students’ preparation level.

III. Staffing

No part-time instructor

Working to get Elizabeth qualified/trained.

Additional instructor’s department’s top priority.

Department moving to STEM with new dean, details are still unclear.

IV. Student FAA Testing

3 Airframe and 1 Powerplant – 1 failure (oral – lack of studying)

Already scheduled into mid-July. 3 to 4 tests per week.

New test format (started last August) appears to be easier.

V. Prospects for Graduates

Market is still very hot.

Can’t fill two work study positions.

VI. Scholarships/Internships

One student received a toolbox from the school.

Several hundred dollars donated. Thinking of using to help fall students purchase tools.

VII. Capital Equipment Funds

SWP funds – start of school – 2 weeks to spend \$120K.

Replacement air compressor, new engine test cell, oxygen system

trainer, digital engine instrument trainer – in question, cockpit instrumentation system with PFD – in question, eco-save parts washer, new drill press, lathe setup/mill repair, battery powered air tug, torque wrenches for powerplant, C172 repair parts, classroom displays, compound miter saw, rivet guns & drills.

VTEA

Same level funding as the last several years.

Salinas airshow, mill bits, repair parts for belt sander, parts & training on lathe, ATEC membership, laptop for lab, Cessna seat rail AD tool, Molex connector lab equipment, tensiometer, step ladders, replacement/upgrade soldering irons, wheels for engine stands, other odds and ends

Receive an addition \$2.5K. Next year funding will increase by \$2K.

VIII. Donations

Tools

(not in minutes) 2-Pratt & Whitney Canada JT15D, parts manuals, tools and instructor training.

IX. Recurring Costs

No emergency parts. Working improving inventory.

X. Field Trips/Vistors

NorcalBAA visited twice – gave each student an overall.

National Guard

XI. Recruitment

Small number of individual tours

No longer visiting high school. Administration wants students to visit Gavilan for recruiting.

XII. Feedback/Open Discussion

XIII. Adjournment