



AUTOMOTIVE TECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, February 18, 2015
6:00-8:00 PM
Joan Stout Hall, Room 112

Members Present: Troy Ding, Committee Chair, Ding's Complete Car Care; Steve Knight, Vice Chair, Carr Cadillac GMC; Kirk VanGelder, CDX-USA; Rod DeMoss, Highway Fuel; Dale Vandeberg, Vancouver Ford; Kevin Safley, Westech Construction; Jay Dykeman, Vancouver Express Auto Care; Ken Dykeman, Vancouver Express Auto Care

Members Absent: Stephen Adlard, City of Camas

Clark College: Tonia Haney, Automotive Department Head/Instructor; Mike Godson, Professor; Jason Crone, Professor; Bruce Music, Larch Auto Instructor; John Maduta, Advising Divisional Manager; Andreana DiGiorgio, Coordinator, Advisory Committees

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Troy Ding at 6:15 p.m. and introductions were made.

A motion was made to approve the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Director/Division Chair Report

Program updates. Tonia reported that the HiTECC/Dick Hannah program will be modeled after the current Toyota T-Ten program. She said that the College has approved the structure of both the HiTECC and MLR programs and are on the way to the State for approval. There are no funds yet for the programs. Anticipating a summer 2015 start. There will be a teach-out and the nighttime MLR program. The number of credits that will be taught have been presented to help budget out the cost and another thing in our favor is the strategic initiatives coming from the College that includes community partnerships. The HiTECC Dealer Ready program is definitely a partnership so it's unlikely the College would cut this program. Kevin asked if they've looked at demographics to see how many jobs are being created, how many employees are leaving the industry and coming in to the industry. Tonia said that she keeps an eye on that through a website and this was part of her presentation to the president and council.

NATEF Update. We have been assigned an Evaluation Team Leader (ETL) for April 20. Once the new programs are up and running they will be NATEF certified. We have until December to reapply.

Equipment Plan. In limbo right now. Tonia has a master list that equals \$800K. This is what she shared with the executive cabinet. Passed out a traditional looking equipment plan. There is no Foundation request but money pops up every so often so it's a good idea to have the prioritized

list handy. Between the two new programs we'll need about \$800K. A discussion took place about the plan. Rod DeMoss made a motion to have *AC machines, Pico with accessories, and Techstream II* as the top three. *The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.*

Open House. Mike Godson said the open house goes along with the new programs. He said the president asked him to organize an event for car dealers and local independent shop owners. They will highlight what the automotive department is doing and ask the community to partner with us to train their techs. The date is April 14, 2015 from 3—6 p.m. in the T-TEN lab. He is trying to target the general managers and service directors of the local larger dealers. A meeting is scheduled with the Oregon Auto Dealers Association executive director to discuss this as well. He said there's a lot of excitement about this event. The Foundation and the Clark College Executive Cabinet will be there and many departments at Clark are working on this. If machining and welding move to the north county land then there will be more room for the automotive area and Mike would like to see Clark become a regional automotive training facility. Save the Date email should be going out in the next couple days.

Work Plan

The committee reviewed the work plan and Tonia said she updated the timelines. A couple items need to be changed and the committee agreed:

- “Investigate the MLR program” can be removed.
- When funding happens we can put “curriculum development” on the work plan.
- “Review customer satisfaction survey” can be removed until the MLR program is up and running.

Kirk suggested that we continue to assess soft skills on a continuous basis. The dealer ready program will have soft skill development in the curriculum.

New Business

Bruce Music reported on the Larch Automotive program. He said the equipment at Larch is good but space is limited, however. The curriculum changes went well as did the review of the program. Kirk was there during the presentation from SBCTC and DOC review. Larch will be on each agenda from here on out.

After Troy summarized the meeting, it was agreed by the committee that they would meet again on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.