



HiTECC -MINUTES
October 3, 2024, at 9:00 AM
Clark College Building AA4 Room 112

Members Present: Abby Bacon (Committee Chair) Parts & Service Director, Dick Hannah VW Vancouver; Cory Pierce (Vice-Chair) Shop Foreman, Dick Hannah VW; Dustin Dechamps, Shop Foreman, Dick Hannah CDJR; Cyndee Lamar, Parts & Service Director Dick Hannah CDJR John Parthenay, Technician, Dick Hannah Honda; Alex Bassett, Service Director, Honda/Kia; Tom Gilstrap, Assistant Program Manager, Dick Hannah Subaru

Guests:

Members Absent: Jeremy Sween, Service & Parts Director; Sam Bergland, Service Manager

Labor Representative:

Clark College: Theo Koupelis, Dean of WPTE & STEM, Clark College; Dannie Nordsiden, Faculty Lead, Clark College; Hernan Garzon, Automotive Recruiter and Retention Specialist, Clark College; Brian Tracy, Instructor, Clark College; Alex Kison, Career Services, Clark College; Bob Maloney, Instructor Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College

The meeting began at 9:00 am.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on Thursday, April 10th, 2024.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on May 9th, 2024, were approved.

ETHICS TRAINING

Elizabeth conducted the annual Advisory Committee Ethics Training.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

Elizabeth conducted the annual Advisory Committee Orientation.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Theo shared that the College is close to reaching its enrollment targets.

Theo announced that Boschma Farms will open its doors in January 2025 for general classes, while Advanced Manufacturing will start in fall 2025.

Theo discussed labor representation and updates from the State regarding employer versus employee representation.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Hernon shared that he will attend the SW Career Fair where thirteen other local Colleges will participate. Additionally, he will be conducting further high school presentations in November. Hernon will send students in January of 2025 for job shadows and welcomes dealerships to invite students in for opportunities.

Tom advises the program to discuss professionalism more with the students including attire and punctuality.

Internship Updates

Dannie discussed student success with internships. Dannie noted the importance of student mentorship and encouraged further support for students.

Dannie shared the first-year cohort.

Dannie discussed ASE certifications and notifying the students would be helpful.

Dannie discussed the second-year cohort and shared the program experienced some student withdrawals.

Brian discussed the changes in cohort size due to circumstantial life issues.

Alex Kison discussed the basic needs program which supports housing, food, transportation, and clothing. If students find themselves needing resources, please contact Career Services.

Theo discussed tracking student withdrawals to inquire if they need further assistance.

BYLAWS

The committee will review the bylaws at the spring 2025 meeting.

WORKPLAN

Dannie presented the 2024-25 work plan.

Dannie discussed the clean energy forward plan.

Dannie discussed professional training for students.

Dannie discussed student feedback, and the program intends to improve student follow-ups.

Student assessments are approaching, and the program is working on developing a five-year back survey to evaluate post-graduation feedback.

Dannie discussed engagement goals and enhancing mentorship experiences for students.

Dannie discussed the program's budget development and replacement equipment. The program received approval to purchase two new scanners and four new vehicles with the potential for more.

Dannie discussed enrollment and retention goals.

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OLD BUSINESS

Dannie discussed Cascadia Tech, the number of students enrolled, and the benefits for students.

Dannie discussed the program is working on graduate surveys to track data.

Hernan welcomed marketing materials.

ACTION ITEMS

The committee will review the bylaws at the spring 2025 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores