

**HiTECC ADVISORY COMMITTEE -MINUTES**

**Friday, May 21st, 2021 ● 8:00am-9:30am**

**Zoom Online (Audio/Video)**

**Members Present:** Abby Bacon, Dick Hannah VW (Committee Chair); Alex Bassett, Dick Hannah Honda; Ken Dent, Dick Hannah; Todd Gilstrap; Cory Pierce, Dick Hannah VW;Gary Schuler, Dick Hannah Dealerships;

**Members Absent:** Sean Fitzgerald (Vice Chair), Dick Hannah Chrysler; Devin Henry, Dick Hannah; Brandon O’Lear, Dick Hannah Subaru; ; John Parthenay, Dick Hannah Honda; Jessica Pham;

**Clark College:** Mike Godson, HiTECC Coordinator & Instructor; Tonia Haney, TTEN Coordinator & Instructor; Automotive Instructors – Dannie Nordsiden and Bob Maloney; Wende Fisher, Advising Services; Armetta Burney, Interim Dean of WPTE; Hernan Garzon, Automotive Recruiter; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist – Advisory Committees

Abby Bacon called the meeting to order at 8:03am and introductions were made.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*The minutes of December 11th, 2020 were presented, Gary Schular motioned to approved, seconded by Ken Dent, and was passed unanimously.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The committee will meet next on **Friday, November 5th, 2021 at 8:00am via Zoom Online.**

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Armetta Burney made the following announcements:

Many of the courses have been conducted in a hybrid modality; some in person (labs) and some online. As the college moves into fall term, there will be more of a face to face on campus as well as classes that will be in a hybrid modality. The college sent out a survey to about 7,100 students and about 1,400 responded. 37% of those students indicated that they wanted to come back to campus face to face, 27% wanted a mixture of online and face to face and 21% wanted to stay completely online. In the fall, the college is offering 1,876 class sections with about 600 of those classes will be offered in a face to face or hybrid modality. Many of the CTE programs, including the automotive program, will be returning 100% face to face.

Commencement will be on June 17th. There is an option where students can walk in person. No visitors are allowed.

The college has finally received approval from the legislature for the funds to start construction on the Advanced Manufacturing Center at Boschma Farms in Ridgefield, WA. There is a possibility that building will break ground in late fall.

Dr. Sachi Horback is no longer with Clark. Dr. Genevieve Howard is now serving as the interim Vice President of Instruction. It is expected that the job announcement for the VPI position as well as several other positions will be released in the fall.

The college has received funding from the American Rescue Plan. 50% of that funding will go to support the institution and the other 50% will go directly to students.

The college is still going through a budget process. Each unit was asked to identify what a 5% reduction would like in each of their areas. The Budget Committee will prioritize that list and then come back to what they recommend in terms of budget reductions. The good news is that none of the programs will be eliminated. There will likely be some changes in positions and potential cuts.

**PROGRAM UPDATES**

*Student Progress Update*

There are 6 students on track to graduate. 5 students are all in the HiTECC course. 1 student is at Dick Hannah Toyota. Tonia Haney stated that all should have applied for graduation. Gary Schular wants to make sure that the students get their plaques. Abby Bacon and Gary highly encourage the students to walk.

In the first cohort, there are 2 students in the PACT program, 1 student is at Subaru and 1 student is at VW. This cohort started with 18 students, however it was a very rough year. There are many reasons why students left; COVID, online, etc.

*Curriculum Update*

All three pogroms are fully accredited by ASE. The accreditation is solid for five years before the program has to go through the program again. Tonia Haney thanked Morgan Peetz from Dick Hannah Acura who was on the review team.

The new Hybrid/Advanced Electronics course for the PACT/HiTECC program. It is still in development. There was some grant funding where Tonia was able to purchase several hybrid vehicles as well as tooling. They are going through the process of developing the curriculum.

Mike Godson and Tonia just finished teaching the first ever Toyota/TTEN hybrid class in the nation. They are using this course to help develop the HiTECC/PACT course.

The new Professionalism in Automotive course will start for the first time in the summer for current 1st year students. The new Automotive Bridge Program will run for the first time this summer with the new incoming cohort. They will be participating in a simple two week, 2 credit “how to be successful” type course. If the students are more prepared for college, they have the basic study and comprehension skills to be successful. This also flows very nicely into Guided Pathways for the college.

The program has been working with Cascadia Technical Academy on an agreement to give their two-year automotive students some free credits into the courses. All of the automotive classes are 7 credits; 3 credits will be given to them with the exception that they have to attend, and then they will pay for the other 4 credits. She will be able to offer 9 credits of tuition for those students. The stipulation is that they complete two years of automotive in high school and have at least a 3.0 GPA as well as the extra requirements to be in the program.

The program created a survey for current and post graduate students.

* What attracted you to the industry?
* What is going to keep you at your dealership (for 5 years)?
* If you could give yourself advice prior to starting college, what would it be?

Alex Bassett stated the students are doing great.

*Internship Update*

Dannie Nordsiden spoke on internships starting in the summer on July 6th. He would like to change up his visit schedule in the upcoming year.

*Recruiting Update*

Hernan Garzon gave some updates about recruitment. He has been a lot of high school presentations via video. He has been performing webinars and automotive info session. He also been sending out letters and emails to students. For the 2021 cohort, there are currently 15 candidates. About 12 of them have been hired. 3 potential candidates are looking for a local sponsoring dealer. The goal by September 2021 is to have 20 students in the HiTECC program. The committee spoke on making sure that those 3 students find a home soon.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

The program was given a grant totaling a little over $500k. Part of his money was spent to purchase student toolboxes for students to use while they are on campus. She purchased 20 different sets of student tools; 10 for each program. Starting in the fall, students will not need to purchase tools. This specifically affects the HiTECC students.

**AHM/REGION UPDATE**

The industry members spoke on the communication in getting students into dealerships as well as if students end up leaving.

**OPEN DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS**

Tonia Haney spoke on the Advanced Technology course. There was space intentionally created in the class for a revolving content based on the industry needs. Currently, it is being filled with the ADAS systems, but if there are areas/technology that techs are struggling with, the program can develop and place it in this course.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39am.

Prepared by SueAnn McWatters