

Automotive Technology & Automotive Collision Repair Technology

Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2015

5:30 pm - Indian Valley Campus- AS 101

Present: Ron Davis, MCOE/ROP; Dan Silin, Marin ROP/Terra Linda High School; Gary Kramer, retired; Mark Barrall, COM instructor; Nick Fara, COM Instructor; Ron Palmer, Department Chair; Julie Oyle, Administrative Assistant

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members present were welcomed and introduced themselves.

2. Pathway Progress Sheets

Update the Advisory Committee regarding the status of the updates to the AUTO and ACRT pathway sheets. Showed the committee the location of the pathways sheets on the COM webpage.

3. NATEF Certification

Ron gave an update on the countertops which have begun to be installed, floors are scheduled for early December, tools have all been received, curriculum meets NATEF guidelines, policies and procedures that are required for NATEF certification. All the policies, procedures are in place. We have the liability waiver on our invoices as required by NATEF. We need to hire someone to update the tool boards in the shops. The next step will be the internal check of all things that are required for NATEF certification.

Kathy Takemoto is working on the outcome/job employment information required for NATEF certification, they require five years of information. We expect to do a self-study next semester and invite NATEF for an official visit in the Fall 2016 semester.

Industry wanted to know what was taking so long to get things ready for the certification. At an Educational institution there are processes that are sometimes cumbersome that need to be followed.

There was discussion about the difference in the last 10 years in obtaining NATEF certification. Renewal is a much more streamlined process than the original application.

Unfortunately processes take longer in a public institution.

4. Industry Updates

COM needs to continue to put workers with good skills into the workforce.

SnapOn looking to partner with industry/colleges.

Need the programs to stay competitive.

Lots of COM students do not want to take the \$8 hour Jiffy Lube jobs, want to continue working on their skills so they can earn a decent wage.

Need more technical mechanics to keep up with today's automobiles.

Mechanics need to have a good driving record.

They need more and more electrical instruction.

COM gets more calls than we have qualified technicians.

Most student don't seem to work and then go to school.

5. Once Around

Dan Silin passed out a handout on Functions of the Advisory Committee and an Employers Guide to Internships.

Dan reported for Lisa Miller, Tamalpais High School. Classes were full and going well. Lisa does lots of grant writing to get new equipment for her shop.

Drake High School has a foundations that helps support the shop.

Steve Temple, Department Chair is working on pathways from HS to College to Career.

COM staff looking forward to completing NATEF process in Fall 2016.

6. Adjourned at 7:30pm