

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME: Automotive BLC Meeting	
CHAIRPERSON: Gerod Strother	
MEETING DATE: 12/14/23	MEETING TIME: 12:00 PM
RECORDER: Adriana Soto Rodriguez	MEETING PLACE: ETCC 110
	PREVIOUS MEETING: 3/22/23

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AGENDA ITEM	ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION	RESPONSIBILITY

	Welcome and introductions	Ryan welcomed the staff and employer partners. Everyone introduced him/herself with thier name and title.
	Initial discussions	Ryan took a few minutes to review the last meeting's minutes. Gerod introduced himself as the new Program Coordinator. His main goals consist of: training students to the best of our ability, forming a connection between our students and our employer partners, and training our students with the right trends to allow them to be successfully working on day one. The success in this goal would consequently allow students to benefit from our industry.
	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS Program Overview	DISCUSSION -All of our instructors bring important knowledge and experience to the table. -The Academic Catalog for Automotive was reviewed. -Gerod explained the shifting of classes to our Basic Certificate. These changes would allow our students to be more marketable when entering the workforce. -Everyone was handed a copy of the current and updated catalog for thier review. The changes to the curriculum were marked in red. The members of the meeting voted. All were in favor and there were no objections from them.
	ROAD BLOCKS / PROBLEMS (AM Tech Alignment and vote, and Internships)	- It was later discussed that this change in curriculum may not work for the Diesel students. - There is a quantity struggle regading what classes can be shared between Automotive and Diesel. -After discussing the pros and cons to this curriculum change, it was determined that these five classes give a foundation to start off in either Auto or Diesel. - This curriculum change would also help with the class set up and the instructor demand. -There are inaccurate expectations from the students regarding the annual earnings these certificates produce in the beginning. -Toyota: There is a disconnect between the manufacturing side of it and the education side of it when it comes to pay. -Toyota has a three year tenure that starts the day of employment. Sometimes they give partial credit for education. - Toyota offers a T-10 Program that allows students to get trained. -Obtaining tools is a huge struggle for students - TX DOT provides its employees with all the tools they need. TX DOT offers an internship with flexible hours, great pay, and a pathway to full-time. -There is a lack of communication regarding Workforce Solutions and any other aid that is available for students.
	Action items/resolutions to the road blocks	- David asked for the final approval to move forward. Everyone voted on moving foward with the new curriculum. - Instructors will work on the material content to satisfy both the Auto and Diesel sides of the curriculum. -Some tool vendors provide students with very high discounts for current students. -Marketing needs to be more informative regarding the resources our students have available to help pay for tuition, tools, and uniforms. -In order to help with the lack of communication regarding financial aid for students, a tool vendor and or Workforce Solutions representative could come out and talk to our students regarding the tool discounts and financial aid available to them.

	-Gerod encouraged our members to continue coming to our meetings and to invite their colleagues to share their concerns regarding the current industry demands. -Ryan closed the meeting after none of our members had any final thoughts or questions.	
Final Thoughts (Adjournment)		
Chairperson Signature: Gerod Strother		Date: 1-17-2024 Next Meeting: