Transportation Technologies

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

The following persons were present: Nevin Nyswonger, Gaye Canepa, Sam Byington, Ray Scow, Barb Evans, Scott Allen, Cliff Bartl, James Herr, Greg Overby, Phillip Coyne, Kenny Lee, Nancy Roe, Wyatt Ziebell, and Jeremy Smith.

- Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- Introductions of members and guests.
- Approval minutes – minutes approved as read. Gaye moved to approve, Cliff seconded.
- Old business – Scott thanked everyone for their input and support at last meeting which resulted in a new tool room attendant. Hired Wyatt as full-time tool room attendant. Jeremy is night time tool room attendant.
- Perkins Grant money – use this money to purchase large equipment. Auto/Diesel received a large amount of money and purchased an in-ground chassis dyno. Nevin is working to get a truck alignment system. Purchased a new front end machine, two new lifts, a 2013 Chevy 1 ton, and six battery testers.
- Have been working a lot on assessments and curriculum to make sure we are consistent. We are where we need to be and made a few changes.
- We will be doing some short workshops in spring. Alignment class for front end alignment – measurements and learn how to run machine. Electrical workshop – basic reading meters and schematics. Will be six evenings from 6-9 p.m.
- Skills Certificates – Diesel has two and Automotive has three. Just technical classes. Good for students and graduation numbers.
- Internships – doing them in the spring for both Auto and Diesel. Hand-pick students, put them through certain process, make sure they are ready to go out into workforce. We pay the student to work for you. We need you to mentor students to show what life is like in the working world. We have had real good success with interns. All four Auto students who interned last year stayed where they interned.
- Lifeskills College – took mostly high school seniors here for five weeks during the summer. Went through different programs here at Edison - Welding, Automotive, Manufacturing, Renewables to see what we offered. They did academic work in the morning and got hands on activities in the afternoon. Participated in this to try to help bring up basic Math and English skills before they enter college. Showed students how to apply math in technical fields.
- Program review – was approved and good for another five years.
- Enrollment – most classes full. Auto topped off three or four years ago - can’t expand any further due to space issues. Diesel has been doing really well and Nevin has been working really hard to bring that program up. New trends in the area are going to be diesel training. Spring 2014 enrollment just opened up on November 18 – expect enrollment to be where it was last spring and fall.
- Nancy Roe is job placement specialist and works well with placing our students. Nancy meets with every single graduate from the programs and keeps spreadsheets on what their career goals are. Will talk to instructors to see what strengths and weaknesses are. We want to provide employers with the best possible candidates.
- Greg asked if there were any diesel interns. Nevin doesn’t have any internships right now. If the need is there, he would like to have internships. Students have to work 204 hours to get all of their money. Greg and Phillip would be interested in interns.
- Phillip talked about safety classes - MSHA (Mine, Safety, Health, and Administration). He deals with a lot of mines and safety programs for them. MSHA – 24 hour, 3 day class and annual renewal. Some in classroom training –
covers good safety procedures for mines. Scott would like to implement it into Diesel program for credits. Scott will look into it and have an answer for the members at next meeting. Board agrees about getting a specific safety training program going.

- Scott mentioned more budget cuts - 1.8 million cut for TMCC.
- Gaye needs people that know how to diagnose problems. Her company uses Identifix. Really likes the 55 inch TV in the shop where they can see on the big screen how to diagnose.
- Nancy asked members what their specific needs were for internships. Greg asked if most students who enter the program know what they want to do when they complete. Scott is amazed at how many students don’t have a clue what they want to do. We work hard with the students and try to get their skill set good enough to where they can do something for you. We try to impress the amount of money that can be made out there.
- Cliff asked Gaye what type of scan tools they use. Likes the Snap On Motis – it’s user friendly. Also has a graphing one that goes faster – generic. What is GM using – laptop and goes right into Techline. Dealers are going to lap top base.
- James is looking for employees who are more of the business sense and academic stuff. They see a lot of students coming out of school that have technical training but no basic common sense. They need to be able to interact with other people. James said Summit is willing to give back to the college. Cliff would like to have Summit come out a couple times of year to talk on what is going to be expected of them. Nancy did internships for the Right Skills Now program had five different employers come in and talk about what was expected of them. Once the employers come in, the students were really motivated. Employers’ coming in makes a big difference.
- Ray mentioned we may be hosting the NACAT conference - national automotive organization for automotive instructors in the summer 2016. Big deal – all automotive instructors from all over the U.S. and Canada attend. Scott has a meeting to go to next week to see what’s going to happen. It would give us good advertisement beyond national stage.
- Scott wants to make sure members understand how important their input is to our committee. Their input goes up to the president and the Board of Regents. It’s the members’ support that makes things happen. Transportation division really appreciates the input and support of the members.
- Phillip asked about tools. Some students don’t have tools when they graduate and go to work. Scott mentioned we have a program with Snap on Matco where they can get tools and 55% off from Snap On. Try to encourage students to buy tools when they can – it’s a big challenge for students starting out. We’ve been looking into a grant where the college will pay for ASE certifications so students have that certification when they graduate to make them more employable.
- Schedule next meeting: tentative April 2014.
- Adjournment: 7:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Barb Evans