

AUTC-EVTC Advisory Committee Minutes, FALL 2024

Date: September 18, 2024

Number of Attendees: 26

Called to order: 5:05 pm

Adjourned: 6:30 pm

Chairperson: Eric Worthen

Recorder: Jennifer Woods

Location: Advanced Tech Center and Zoom

Members present from industry: **Bob Cockerham**, University VW; **Sean Fleming**, alignment training; **Bruce Gustin**, RRPS; **Matthew Keller**, AGCO Corp.; **Stanley Martini**, RRHS CTE Automotive; **Brandon Nix**, Ford; **Melodee Saiz**, APS; **Angela Shumaker**, Ford; **Tim Sloan**, Brown's Auto Experts; **Michael Tatham**, Instructor, RRPS; **Michael Terrey**, ASE Ed, Foundation; **Terry Wayland**, Power Ford; **Adolphus Washington**, Sandia HS; **David Edwards**, SMPC Architects; **Stefan Johnson**, SMPC Architects

Members present from CNM: **Matthew Cordova**, PT Instructor; **Jennie Davis**, Facilities Mgmt.; **Curtis Garand**, Transportation Director; **Brenden Kennedy**, WCS; **Jessica Metz**, CNMI; **Barry Mills**, Instructor; **Mikael Ortega**, DETC Instructor; **Roderigo Padilla**, Interim Assoc. Dean; **Todd Wilburn**, Instructor; **Jennifer Woods**, Academic Tech Asst.; **Eric Worthen**, DETC Instructor, Program Chair

Next scheduled meeting: TBD

I. Welcome/Introductions: Eric started the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

II. Minutes: Minutes from the spring 2024 meeting approved as written.

III. Reports:

- 1. College Updates:** Roderigo reported: Sharon Gordon Moffett retired as interim dean. The new interim is Erin Johnson Krufft. This fall we began the EVTC program which is a two-term certificate. Eric Worthen is the new director of the transportation cluster. Curtis Garand is the new academic affairs director for AUTC, DETC and EVTC. He works primarily with industry partners, does scheduling, program design and curriculum. The AUTC program hired a new FT faculty, Gilbert Sanchez. The new Automotive facility in Rio Rancho is at 100% design phase. Barry Mills is modifying a jeep this coming spring term.
- 2. Enrollment and Graduation rates:** Roderigo reported: Overall enrollment at CNM is 19,404. STA enrollment is at 3,227, which is an increase of 1% over last year. The AUTC program has 399 students, fill rate is 50%. The EV program has 15 students and a fill rate of 93%. Graduates include 151 certificates and 27 Associates of Applied Technology.
- 3. Equipment:** Curtis said that for AUTC and DETC, the new equipment replacement cycle is coming up. The EV program is being considered for growth, so will be receiving new cars for the lab. Todd said that the program does not have access to Perkins money. Barry said his Restoration and modification class worked on a jeep Gladiator, and will finish a Jeep Wrangler this term.

IV. Old Business NONE

V. New Business: Jennie Davis presented a talk about the new building in Rio Rancho. She and members of SMPC Architects discussed the renderings and plans showing the layout of the building. There is another existing building on the site that APS is renovating for their own skilled trades programs. The CNM facility is a brand-new building on the vacant 10-acre land adjacent to the APS facility. CNM will be offering dual credit trades classes for APS students. The entire complex will be called the RioTech. Stefan and David walked us through the plans:

Stefan showed the renderings. He pointed out the locations of the eye wash stations. Fire blankets will also be available at the stations. In the EV area, which is prone to fires, there is a sprinkler system, which is throughout the building. There was concern among the members about the storage of EV batteries. The batteries are to be stored in the equipment room which has correct firewalls for this particular usage. A burn-down pad was mentioned which evidently is used by shops that work on EVs. SMPC will take this into consideration. Alignment machines require a lot of space.

Curtis asked the group if there should be a new EV Advisory committee. There was no consensus on this so the idea will be tabled for discussion at a later date. He would like to see the EV program be ASE accredited. Mike Terrey said that ASE has no plans to accredit EV training. EV training is incorporated into the Automotive side, and stresses safety and PPE.

The accreditation is due in November for the AUTC program. Advisory members have been a great help.

The WCS is working diligently on our behalf. The internship is now 6 credits, which happens after a student gets a certificate. It will require 90 hours and the student will get paid through the WCS. CNM provides liability insurance.

Brenden Kennedy is the internship guy at the WCS. He said that the state has given CNM \$1.7 mill to help pay for internships. For more information about internships or the WCS, contact **Brenden** at bkennedy17@cnm.edu. or call 505-224-4000 X 53816. **Mike Terrey** has information about the ASE apprenticeship program. michael@aada.com

VI. Reports from Industry Members: Terry Wayland said that he has no CNM students working at Ford. He has new employees who change their focus within the business, like parts department or sales. He is looking for workers who want to stay and not leave in a year. Different dealerships have different training programs. Curtis said that before a CNM student starts their internship, he always asks them what the goal is and which dealership they want to work for.

Mike Terrey said that he could set up the department with a GM Step program, but Curtis said we will not go forward with this at this time. We will look into it once information is available. Mike will forward more information to Curtis.

Melodee Saiz said that there are 40 APS students from 3 different schools who are interns, being paid \$15 an hour. These students are on a pathway to come to CNM. Melodee is the business community liaison for APS msaiz@aps.edu. She wants the members to come to the schools to talk directly with students.

Adolphus Washington said that he is concerned that more companies have not been coming to the schools to talk to students. Ford is the only company that has responded. He has students who would like to do dual credit classes in the EV program. So, he would like to see CNM reps come to the schools. Please contact **Curtis** at cgarand@cnm.edu. Also, **Eric** is willing to help, eworthen@cnm.edu.

Jessica Metz said that a lot of parents and students she has talked to at job fairs are confused about the pathways. Clarification of the pathways would be helpful. Part of the problem is that counselors are not much help. Adolphus thinks it is not a problem with counselors, but a problem with industry people not showing up at the schools.

VII. Adjournment: 6:30 pm