



AUTC Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Called to order: 6:15 pm

Adjourned: 7:10 pm

Chairperson: Curtis Garand

Person completing report: Jennifer Woods

Members present from industry: **Donald Brown**, Don Brown Auto; **Tom DeCant**, Snap-On Diagnostics; **Mark Mulroy**, Career Enrichment Center; **Kristine Sanchez**, APS; **Danny Tarin**, Eldorado High School

Members present from CNM: **Michael Cranney**; **Scott Henriksen**, **Scott Neiber**, **Todd Wilburn**; **Ismail Torres**, CNM Student; **David Kempe**, CNM student

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday Sept. 23, 2015, 6:00 pm

I. Welcome/Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves

II. Minutes: Minutes from September 24, 2014 approved

III. Reports:

- Michael Cranney: Because of budgetary issues, Snap-On Tools may be a bit too expensive for the school right now. We are waiting on bids on two new hybrid vehicles. We have been approved to buy hybrid battery packs from ACDC.
- Scott Henriksen: Should we offer a Saturday clinic for the public on hybrids? This may happen if we can get licensed.
- Rio Rancho is keen for us to teach a few courses. Maybe a “pop-up” at some empty space around town. One was located with three bays and a space for a classroom. Can this be done through the STEMulus Center?
- Scott Neiber: Equipment replacement – Scan tool from Snap-On, tire machines, hydraulic press.
- The Auto Club is going well. Charter has been approved; officers were nominated.

IV. Old Business – NONE

V. New Business

- The idea of internships was thrown out to students in second term. They were mildly interested. We would like two people per term. Scheduling is a problem for second term students.
- We were approached by RFK Charter School. They are setting up an auto paint sequence of courses and want dual credit with CNM. Getting certification is a challenge. One



hurdle is OSHA. (Contact San Juan College to get more info on this.) EPA is a big hurdle also. Entry level pay is not very good in this field: if it costs \$50K to become licensed, there may not be enough student interest to justify that cost.

- We are reaching out to industry people to come and talk to the students about workplace expectations. Don Brown was asked to come to a class. Someone came in to talk about race car engines, which got the students excited. NAPA Car Care is another possibility.
- CTE Day is coming up. State Skills competition is on April 10.
- Should there be two or three Advisories per year? It was decided that two is enough.
- Students need to learn time constraints for every auto repair task. Students need good mentors. Peer pressure can be good or bad, and a bad mentor can cause a student to seek other types of employment.
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VI. Adjournment – 7:22 pm