



AUTC Advisory Committee Minutes, Spring 2017

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Number of Attendees: 18

Called to order: 6:00 pm

Adjourned: 7:10 pm

Chairperson: Barry Mills

Recorder: Jennifer Woods

Members present from industry: Erin Ford, NAPA; Jim Maddox, Jim's Automotive; David Gerken, Snap-On Industrial

Members present from APS: Mark Mulroy, Vanessa Olguin, Kristine Sanchez

Members present from CNM: Lisa Chakos-Knapp, Michael Cranney; Curtis Garand; Vardis Gaus; Scott McLeod; Barry Mills; Scott Neiber; Todd Wilburn; Jennifer Woods

CNM Students present: Konner Davis; Daverie Marlow; Vanessa Salazar

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6:00 pm at TC 104

I. Welcome/Introductions: Barry Mills opened the meeting and introductions were made all around.

II. Minutes: Minutes from fall 2016 meeting were approved with one correction – Mario Portillo works at Melloy Dodge, not at Reliable Nissan. Correction to fall minutes made 3/16/2017.

III. Reports: Curtis reported on the Snap-On Certifications. He is moving balancing to the introductory level. This will ease up on steering and suspension. Aviation is now part of this certification.

IV. Old Business Michael said that one of our intro classes is being taught at Bernalillo HS. Twenty students were registered, now it is down to 16.

Scott N's students worked on the Viper engine that was donated to the school.

Barry said that the in-house Skills USA competition was completed before winter break. The next competition is the 31st of this month and Barry needs judges for that. Erin volunteered.

The internship program that Shane Dolinski started did not pan out very well, possibly because the expectations of the company did not match with what the students were able to provide. There seems to have been a communication breakdown with Garcia Motors and what they could expect from a student intern. Also, the internship program with Recarnation fizzled out too, for some unknown reason. BCWA needs an intern.

Curtis started a discussion about the lack of interest among students to take on an internship while they are attending school. There always seems to be a scheduling problem. More discussion needs to take place with companies that will take on interns, so that the school schedule is also accommodated. Students are also not as serious as they used to be about going to school. Evening classes would be helpful. Financial aid places restrictions on what students can do too. Student attention span in the classroom is very small, but it is assumed that students are capable of focusing on a lot of other things besides school.

V. New Business Michael asked the question, do we need curriculum for a parts person or service writer? Should we have a certification for this? This may be a good path for students who do not want to work on cars. Average salary is \$35K to \$60K. Vardis asked what kind of curriculum we would need for this. Mostly it requires skills with

communications and customer service. Business administration would help, plus math, accounting, typing, and familiarity with cars is essential. They need to be able to use scan tools. Michael said there already is curriculum for this. The members thought that there is a demand for this type of employee.

Scott N. talked about the new equipment we have received. He received a re-deployable airbag trainer, new electrical trainers, new scan tools. We also received a new S40 Volvo from Corley's with a blown head gasket.

We are advertising for another full time faculty position.

We have a new **Chair** for this advisory committee. **Matthew Cordova** has stepped up to represent the industry side and then we will also designate a CNM representative. This will help to facilitate better communication between the CNM program and our industry partners. **Don Brown** also expressed an interest on being a co-chair.

Matthew offered some good used cars to the program but they turned out to be a little too expensive.

VI. Future Trends & Concerns The group discussed issues of concern throughout this meeting such as the lack of interest on the part of the students to take on internships, and the need to keep them interested in the subject matter.

There is a concern that machine shops will become a thing of the past because it is cheaper and easier to purchase an entire replacement engine than it is to rebuild it part-by-part.

There is a need for prospective employees to have certifications on certain skills and equipment, and CNM makes sure that all of its graduates are properly certified by the time they leave school.

VII. The next meeting is set for **Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.**

VII. All of the members present have already filled out the feedback survey in previous meetings.

IX. Adjournment - 7:10 pm