

Automotive Technology Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

*Date | time 10/17/2017 | 6:30PM in Room E131
Meeting called to order by Scott Shotton at 6:45pm*

In Attendance

Members Present:

Bill White— President, CAR Hospital
John Volkert— Owner, Barb City Auto
Corey Kreider— Manager, NAPA Rochelle
Brad Evenson— Electronics Tech, Richardson Electronics

KC Presence:

Tim Banasiak— Automotive Technology Faculty, KC
Scott Shotton— Automotive Technology Faculty, KC
Shawn Long— Automotive Technology Faculty, KC

Tim reports that Nissan Corporate is now allowing dealers to rebuild transmissions so he believes that is a valuable thing to keep in the curriculum. Tim is also looking for donations of cars with clutches. Tim does not anticipate all electives being offered every year and they will likely run every other year. Tim reports the only curriculum change that was not previously discussed is the change in contact hours of some courses.

No feedback from committee members.

Review of Curriculum—Scott's Courses

Scott reports that his course curriculum changes have also all been previously approved by the committee. The Tools class is being removed. An orientation course is being added per previous committee recommendation and Scott is planning on focusing on career opportunities, guest speakers from the industry, resume writing, mock interviews, and certifications in this course.

Scott reviews the Vehicle Electronics course (lowering contact hours/absorbed restraint systems), the 3 course series of Engine Management, and the Hybrid elective course.

Brad asks/confirms that the Hybrid course is only going to be an elective, not a requirement? Scott explains that it is an elective course, however, the degree will require students to take two elective courses.

Shawn reminds the committee that the program is meant to produce entry-level technicians. Tim also emphasizes that often, we are spending a considerable amount of time teaching the very basics and this is at most, a four semester program.

Corey asks how many area high schools have automotive courses. Tim does not believe Rochelle, DeKalb, or Sycamore High Schools have auto courses. St. Charles, Naperville, and Tinley Park high schools all

Shawn points out that the new program planner will have students taking 200-level courses during their freshmen year and asks Joanne if there are any issues with that. Joanne replies that there are not any specific issues with that however, many students who self-advise may not realize that they are allowed to take 200-level courses during their first year so to avoid any confusion/misunderstanding we may want to consider changing course numbers to 100-level courses in the first year.

Open Business

Scott is appreciative of the new tool room assistant that was hired last semester.