

Minutes

Automotive Advisory Committee Meeting

01/18/24

Texas Township Campus room 5740

1. Welcome

2. Present – Brian Murray, Jerry Lentz, Nate Brindley, Matt Basse, Kevin Robinson, Ryan Hawkins, Matthew Maka, Rick King, Kyle Rybicki, Jeff Daniel, Grant Fulcher, Isaac Conklin, Owen Griffith, Cindy Goss, Elario Awad, Doug Martin, Richie Sackett

3. Call to approve minutes -

- a. Minutes from the March 2, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as distributed.
- b. Motion by Matt Basse, Second by Doug Martin.

4. Program updates

- a. Budget
 - i. Purchased a lot of tools & equipment via capital mostly for Engines class.
 - 1. Approximately \$12,000 left for the year.
 - 2. Budgeting \$3,000 for open house in spring.
- b. New Equipment
 - i. Updated OTC, 4 snap on tools, hunter ADAS, alignment machine, twin post hoist (symmetric instead of a symmetric hoist), drive on hoist, VMW EV vehicle, EVAP and starter trainers, and Autel scan tools.

5. Comprehensive Needs Discussion Outcomes:

- a. Employers expressed satisfaction with Kalamazoo Valley Graduates.
- b. Approximately 50% of students finish the program.
 - i. 10% follow through with AAS.
 - ii. AAS preferable to Employers.
- c. Offered class for existing technicians in preparation for brakes test.
 - i. 74% pass rate on first try, second time 100%.
- d. Discussion around barriers with Flat Rate.
- e. Skill gaps
 - i. Diagnosing electrical
 - ii. Math
 - iii. Skills for building customer base
 - iv. Suggestion to add more bugs to vehicles

6. Updates from around the college

- a. EV grant
 - i. Affiliated with NEVTEX run by Ferris State.
 - ii. Community colleges are getting approximately \$100,000 over the course of 3 years for tools & equipment.
- b. State battery and solar funding

- i. Receiving \$530,000 for battery and solar equipment.
 - 1. \$100,000 going to facilities, \$200,000 going to Auto program for battery, and \$200,000 going to ELT for solar program.
- c. State funding for facility
 - i. Governor signed a bill for \$19.5 million to help build a new automotive facility.
 - 1. This is half of what is needed to build the new auto wing.
- d. Donation Needs
 - i. Airbags, Subaru engines, engines with cores, junk parts and access to dealership trainings.

7. Other

- a. Open House April 12th 10am-6pm
- b. KRESA reviewed Core Performance Indicators (attached) and passed out worksheet for employers to write down scenarios for improvement.

8. Next meeting

- a. Date, time and location TBD, Rm 5740

9. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.
- b. Motion by Elario Awad, Second by Ryan Hawkins
- c. Meredith Vanderhill, Recorder