Department: KVCC Automotive Technology

Event: Automotive Advisory Committee Meeting

When: Monday, December 8, 2014

Where: Room 5740 - 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance

Randy Baird (Auto Trim Design), Tom Buszek (KVCC), Ryan Hawkins (KVCC Alum), Dustin Bunker (Portage High), Larry Taylor (KVCC), Charlie Fuller (KVCC), Doug Martin (KVCC), Halli Bjorgford (Halli's Auto).

Approval of Agenda and minutes

The Minutes of the November 2013 meeting were approved as written. The Agenda of the December 2014 were approved as presented.

Discussion and Action Items

• Budget Report

 Charlie presented the current program operating budget. Of \$23,884.00, there is still \$15,498.00 remaining for the school year. No Issues are expected in the Winter semester related to budget.

Perkins Report

 Dean Tom discussed with the committee the purpose of Perkins funding, how it is used in the trades, and how the college matches funds.

Equipment Update

Safety Inspections

Tables showing the schedule of equipment inspection were presented to the committee. It was decided that a walk through inspection of the labs were needed in the April committee meeting. It was also deemed necessary to replace the cabling on a drive on rack in the 5340 lab. All hoist inspections must now be American Lift Institute certified.

Tooling

 Halli discussed his need for factory scan tools for programming and service. Everything is going manufacturer specific and is lap top based. He is seeing KIA and Hundai now going to pay per download for service and scan information.

Facility Inspections

o It was decided that facility inspections would be included in the Spring committee meeting when there would hopefully be more members in attendance.

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E-Learning

O Discussion revolved around bringing some on-line training and resources into the program. It was discussed that most manufacturers are going to on line testing and training. A few courses use the testing center and some electronic supplements for Final exam purposes. Dustin mentioned the high school using CLASS-101 as a way to keep their introductory students from frying electronics. It was agreed that the younger generation of student is much better with the electronic equipment and it is how other training will be delivered in the future. The committee recommended investing in Elearning as the technology becomes available.

Leadership Changes

Doug mentioned that he is now acting as Program Chair.

Other Business

• Relative vehicle model years for education

O Doug discussed the need for newer technology vehicles in the program and polled the committee as to what years they felt were appropriate for today's student. Dave Arney thought that vehicles 10 years old were probably the cutoff for newer program additions. Halli mentioned that most vehicles they see are rarely older than 2005 and that they see vehicles up to the 2012 model year in their facility. Typically the newest two model years end up at dealership service centers because of warranty.

Scholarships

o It was discussed that KAARC (Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club) has again issued two scholarships to students this year. One of the scholarships had been received and the second was waiting to be issued to a pre-qualified student pending a KAARC club meeting.

Next Meeting

• The next Automotive Advisory Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first week in April, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.