



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
Joanne Kantner—VP of Instruction, KC
Bill Nicklas—Executive Director of the Foundation, KC
Brianna Hooker—Administrative Assistant to Instruction, KC

Welcome and Introductions

Scott welcomes Corey Kreider from NAPA Rochelle as a new advisory committee member. The rest of the committee introduce themselves.

Joanne welcomes and thanks everybody for their participation in our AMT program.

Fall 2017 Enrollment Report

Tim presents the enrollment data that was sent out to the committee members. The program as a whole is down in enrollment as the rest of the College however, he is proud that the AMT program specifically is doing relatively well in comparison to many other KC programs.

Tim points out that KEC enrollment appears to be down considerably however, that is due to a change in how the numbers are being reported. It is only counting dual-credit high school seniors now.

Approval of Minutes

Bill makes a motion to approve the minutes. John seconds the motion. No opposition. Motion carries. Joanne announces that ICCB is no longer requiring formal votes at advisory committee meetings.

Review of Curriculum—Tim's Courses

Tim announces that all of these proposed curriculum changes have been brought to and approved by the committee in the past and there have been no other changes made. Syllabi have now been written for all of the curriculum changes.

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 have auto courses but those students are unlikely to come to KC with other closer options for them.

Joanne thinks since we have KEC, that may be a contributing factor as to why the area high schools do not have auto classes. Tim doesn't think that's the case because many high schools in TCD's region still have auto classes.

Review of Curriculum—Shawn's Courses

Shawn reports shortening both the Brakes and the Transmission courses and adding a Chassy class as a requirement. Also adding an Advanced Engines course as an elective.

No questions from committee.

Curriculum Summary

Tim announces that the current AAS degree requires 69 credit hours and these curriculum changes will take the program down to 62 credits. This gets the program into ICCB requirements and also saves students 7 credit hours-worth of expenses.

Joanne asks how these curriculum changes will impact the advanced certificate. Shawn and Tim agree that it hardly impacts the certificate in terms of credits.

Shawn supports these changes because they really clean up the program and will help students schedule.

Corey asks how the schedule works. Scott explains that most classes are offered either M/W or T/R and most full-time students are taking 4-5 courses per semester. This also gives time for students to fit their gen ed courses into their schedules.

Faculty confirm intention to take these proposed changes to the Curriculum Committee this semester which would then put us on track to implement these changes in Fall 2018.

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.

Shawn announces that NATEF re-certification will be our primary topic for the Spring advisory committee meeting.

Bill White expresses concern over scheduling work for students has been very difficult over the past few years and asks if the new curriculum changes will impact that at all. Bill is also concerned with the ability for students to find work when they have classes scheduled every day. Shawn replies that the new schedule should have students in class for half days. Students will also have either Tuesdays/Fridays off or Thursdays/Fridays off.

Scott reports that they offered evening classes a couple years ago specifically to try to attract people who need to work during the day but the courses didn't fill.

Faculty also state that before NATEF certifications, internships used to be part of the curriculum but many shops were not interested in having interns so it became very challenging to place students. Shawn has seen a trend in the past 5-8 years that many students have no interest in working for "free." Many students are financing their education themselves and must work so unless it was a paid internship, he doesn't believe many students would be interested in pursuing internships.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:30pm Kishwaukee College
Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm