

MINUTES

Automotive Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

Date | time 4/18/2017 6:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Scott Shotton, AMT Instructor

In Attendance

Members Present:

Bill Rogers—Instructor, Kishwaukee Education Consortium

Brad Everson—Electronics Tech, Richardson Electronics

Greg Casaletto—Regional Sales Manager, Rockwell Space

Bill White—President, Bill White's C.A.R. Hospital

Others Present:

Scott Shotton—AMT Instructor, Kishwaukee College

Shawn Long—AMT Instructor, Kishwaukee College

Tim Banasiak—AMT Instructor, Kishwaukee College

LaCretia Konan—Director of Business and Training Partnerships, Kishwaukee College

Brianna Hooker—Administrative Assistant to Instruction, Recorder, Kishwaukee College

Approval of Fall 2016 Minutes

Minutes from Fall 2016 were reviewed by committee.

Bill Rogers makes a motion to approve the minutes. Brad Everson seconds motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Enrollment Data Report—Tim Banasiak

Tim reports Enrollment shows consistent data; enrollment shows that our numbers are slightly down from the Fall semester but that is common comparing Fall to Spring enrollment. Despite our headcount being slightly down, our credit hours are slightly increased, meaning less students are taking more classes.

Tim and Brianna clarify difference between declaration data and 10th day enrollment report data. Declaration data shows how many students have declared to be working toward a specific degree or certificate however, it does not tell us whether these students are enrolled in any AMT-specific courses this semester. 10th Day enrollment data tells us how many heads are seated in AMT-specific courses this semester. An important thing to keep in mind is one student could be taking 4 classes and would then count as 4 heads in this headcount. Both sets of data tell valuable but different information.

NATEF Update—Shawn Long

No updates.

Status of Curriculum Changes and Credit Hours—AMT Faculty

Scott Shotton reports that ICCB is encouraging all A.S. programs be limited to 60 credit hours and our current program consists of 69 credit hours. There is a great challenge to meet NATEF requirements AND ICCB requirements while still providing the best graduate possible. NATEF seems to be encouraging strong but general technicians, rather than highly specialized techs. A possible solution to lowering the required credit hours is the creation of stackable credentialing in the form of certificates.

Tim mentions a need to lower contact hours and says that Joanne and Matt would be able to speak in more depth on this.

Scott reports that current curriculum possibilities that have been discussed at previous meetings are on hold with this new push for 60 credit hour programs. Our Fall 2017 meeting will be heavily focused on curriculum so it would be beneficial to move the meeting date to earlier in the semester.

Textbook Options—Scott Shotton

Scott reports using CDX program this year and faculty/students are not satisfied with this program. Faculty is considering going back to GW Online, however, this program has changed a bit since we last used it.

Scott seeks feedback from committee.

Scott feels that some online material seems to be “watered down” in comparison to information available in hard copy textbooks. Tim feels that CDX is great for animations and is great for basic theory but is not sufficient for anything past that. Tim describes GW option where we could have a paper book with a digital option and an online component so homework, quizzes, and some assignments could still be available online. Students seem to be in favor of this option after discussing some of this with them.

WIOA/Business and Training Partnerships Report—LaCretia Konan

LaCretia describes her position at the college and how she is serving as a point of contact for employers. LaCretia discusses WIOA funding and other funds here at the college that assist with training.

Faculty welcome LaCretia to come speak to their classes especially when she knows of employers who are looking for employees.

Graduate Placement—AMT Faculty

Tim talks about ways to measure success of the program other than enrollment and one important thing to consider is graduate placement. The Institutional Research Office here at the College send surveys to our graduates every year to collect data about our graduates including job placement.

Scott is concerned that our data does not accurately reflect job placement of our graduates because he knows many of our graduates are working in local shops. The likely cause of this discrepancy is because many graduates/employers do not fill out these surveys. He wants to encourage people to fill these out because it provides valuable information regarding our program success.

Tuition Increase Report—Tim Banasiak

Tim reports that college-wide, tuition is being raised by \$10/credit hour for FY18 and Career Tech program tuition is being increased by 50%. He reports that AMT students attended a conversation with the president to learn more about the rationale behind the tuition increase and came back with a good understanding. Tim explains that 2nd year students in the program will be “grandfathered” in at their original tuition price regardless of whether they are taking 100- or 200-level courses.

Annual Department Plans—Scott Shotton

Scott announces that a new Tool Room Assistant has been hired and is a great asset to the shop. The shop is in great shape with his help.

Department plans to be working diligently on curriculum for Fall.

Next Meeting

9/6/2017 6:00 PM, Caukin Building, Kishwaukee College

Bill Rogers makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Greg Casaletto seconds the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM.