

Automotive Advisory Committee Minutes

October 11, 2005

A meeting of the York Technical College Automotive Advisory Committee was held on October 11, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at Ryan's Family Steakhouse. Members in attendance included Mark Abercrombie of Adesa Auto Auctions, Billy Hinson of Clinton Family Ford, Jason Currence and Danny Clinton of Clover High School, Claude Lawson of S.C. DOT, Mark Hughes of CarQuest Auto parts, and David Bain, Marc Tarplee, Jim Currence, Chuck Greene, and Jamey Abercrombie of York Technical College.

Dinner was served and the meeting began shortly after. The first order of business was the reading of the minutes from the last meeting held on April 26, 2005. The minutes were read and approved by all members in attendance.

The second order of business was an update on the automotive program. Enrollment is up again this year with over eighty students in the program. Three typical daytime sections are being taught and one night section of brakes. The new shop that was under renovation is now complete and all first year classes are being taught in that shop. We have purchased over eight thousand dollars worth of new tools from Matco tools for the new shop and two above ground lifts. These additions have given the automotive program the space needed to handle the current student load. The committee was informed that Jim Currence may not return after the spring semester. Jim is currently working on an adjunct basis and a new adjunct instructor will be needed in the near future. The final update that was discussed was the schools desire to go to a four day work week beginning in the summer semester. A four day week should save on energy costs for students, faculty, and the school. The automotive department has proposed several possible schedules and is working toward making this possible.

The third order of business was an update on NATEF certification. Our goal for last year was to have the NATEF book finished and the onsite evaluation completed. We were not able to have the onsite inspection because of the renovation of G building but

were able to finish the NATEF book as expected. Dr. Tarplee stated that he wanted to help with the process and get maintenance involved in the process of meeting the safety requirements. We hope to have the NATEF certification by our next meeting.

The fourth order of business was our desire to do return-to-industry this summer. We were not able to do any this past summer because of the high student numbers and the additional sections of classes that we taught. If possible we would like to do a return-to-industry this summer.

The fifth order of business was the advisory committee self-evaluation. Our cross section of members was thought to be good. The addition of Mark Hughes as a parts technician and Claude Lawson as a diesel technician should allow us to stay in touch with these parts of the automotive industry.

The lab equipment evaluation will be done at the next meeting which will be held at the York Technical College Automotive shop in the spring semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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