

AUTOMOTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2004

The Automotive Advisory Council met on October 26, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at Ryan's Family Steakhouse. The following members were in attendance: Jamey Abercrombie, Jim Currence, and David Bain from York Tech, Jason Currence from Burns Chevrolet, Clint Boyd and Danny Clinton from Clover High School, Billy Hinson and Claude Lawson from Clinton Ford, and Mark Abercrombie from ADESA Auto Auctions. Special guests in attendance included Marc Tarplee from York Technical College and Janet Harding from Clover High School. This was the first of two meetings scheduled for this academic school year.

Dinner was served while the members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting held on May 6, 2004. The minutes were approved as written by all members in attendance.

Old Business: The committee was informed of the purchase and implementation of the new NATEF approved text book and lab manual that the committee had suggested. The Automotive Department has been pleased with the new books.

New Business: Janet Harding wanted to know how much progress the York Technical College Automotive Department had made toward NATEF certification. Her program at Clover High School wants to try for certification in the spring of 2005 and needs to be a partner with a college program that is NATEF certified. If the York Technical College Automotive Department is not certified by that time Clover High School will need to look for a new partner. It was the committee's opinion that York Tech needs to do whatever it takes to complete the certification process by the spring of 2005 in order to keep the partnership with Clover High School. Marc Tarplee added that he would meet with the Automotive Department to find out what needed to be done to complete this process.

The Automotive Department reported a significant increase in enrolment for the 2004 fall semester. There are 42 first year students and 19 second year students. This increase was unexpected and we were forced to open new sections for AUT 133, 131, 105, and 145. We hired Chuck Greene to teach these sections during the fall semester and are very pleased with his work.

The Automotive Advisory Committee wanted York Technical College to look into opening up an Auto Body program in the future. The dealerships need highly trained technicians to do body repair and there are a lot of job openings in that area. It was also suggested that if the college did not have space to put this program on campus that the Chester campus be looked at as a possible sight for Auto body.

Members of the committee were asked if the instructors from the Automotive Department would be able to participate in Return to Industry during the summer semester again this year. Jason Currence stated that Burns Chevrolet would be glad to help and Billy Hinson and Claude Lawson agreed to allow the instructors to work at Clinton Family Ford.

The Advisory Committee was asked to do a self-evaluation of their effectiveness to guide the Automotive Program. The committee concluded that some people from the parts industry as well as the diesel industry may be a good addition to the committee. The committee did feel that they were doing a good job and were important to the success of the Automotive Department.

The lab equipment evaluation was not done at this meeting because the meeting was held off campus. The next meeting was scheduled for March of 2005 in the York Tech Automotive Shop and would consist of a lab equipment evaluation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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