

Automotive Advisory Committee Minutes

November 21, 2006

A meeting of the York Technical College Automotive Advisory Committee was held on November 21, 2006 at 6:30 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, and David Bain, 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 May 4, 2006. A copy of the minutes was given to each member and were read and approved by all members in attendance.

The second order of business was the automotive budget review. Copies of the 2006-2007 budget were given to the members for review. There were several members in attendance that voiced some concerns about the amount of money that the automotive department had to operate with. They noted that the enrollment has gone up over the last several years but the money available had not increased in proportion to the number of students. Danny Clinton wanted to know how much money the department had per student this year as well as in past years. The Automotive Department will locate this information and have it for the next meeting.

The third order of business was the review of the follow-up procedure information. The members were given copies of follow-up data that the Automotive Department collected through a survey of former students. The members approved of the form used and thought the information could be helpful in making improvements to the program.

The fourth order of business was the introduction of a Hybrid safety class that the Automotive Department plans to run in the spring 2007 semester. The class will be offered as a continuing education class and will be open to technicians, instructors, and first responders. Members of the Advisory Committee were encouraged to participate in this class as well.

The fifth order of business was an update on NATEF certification. The NATEF process was discussed and members were informed of the renovations being made to D building. Once renovations are complete, the onsite inspection will be done. The Automotive instructors are currently working on their twenty hours of required update training during this renovation period.

The final order of business was the advisory committee self-evaluation. The committee was pleased with the current members on the committee. It was mentioned that more members may be needed in the future and the committee was asked to contact the Automotive Department with names of people that they thought would be able to serve.

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 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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