Automotive Technology
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2017 - 2018

CHAIRPERSON:		
Troy Jones		
MEETING DATE:	MEETING TIME:	MEETING PLACE:
October 26, 2017	12:00 PM	MSC – Bluebonnet
RECORDER:		PREVIOUS MEETING:
Vanessa Verjan		November 3, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Name and Business	Name and Business	Name and Business
Aguirre, Miguel	Briseño, Richard	Cardona, Josue
Cecil Atkison	Auto Zone	Cardona's Automotive
Cardona, Issac	Gonzalez, Andy	Jones, Troy
Cardona's Automotive	Andy Express	O'Reilly Auto Parts
Mariscal, Joe	Rattlor, Andy	Sanchez, Chris
Mariscal Trucking	Auto Zone	
Sotello, Tito	Zamora, John	
Cecil Atkison	Auto Zone	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Name and Title	Name and Title	Name and Title
Fernandez, Luis	Cano, Raul	Lopez, Miguel
Division Chair	Automotive Instructor	Automotive Instructor –
		Dual Credit
Ramos, Carlos	Ruiz, Luis	Sanchez, Damacio
Automotive Instructor	CTE Counselor	Outreach Coordinator
Torres, Michelle	Vargas, Danny	Verjan, Vanessa
Outreach Director	Lab Assistant	Administrative Assistant
		Applied Sciences/Liberal Arts

AGENDA/MINUTES:

Agenda Item	Action/Discussion/ Information	Responsibility Carlos Ramos	
Meeting to Order/Welcome Remarks & Introductions:	Meeting was called to order at 12:11 PM. Administration, faculty and guests (committee members) introduced themselves. Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.		
Appointment/Continuation of New Chairperson	Troy Jones volunteered to be chairperson. Isaac Cardona seconded the motion; All in favor. Motion carried by acclamation.	Committee	
SWTJC Technical Programs Advisory Committee Guidelines Review	Luis Fernandez explained the guidelines/functions of the Advisory Committee. The committee must meet at least once a year and have a quorum present. However, contact with members throughout the year via e-mail, fax or phone is strongly recommended.	Luis Fernandez	
	It is imperative that SWTJC Technical Programs are aware of what it is that employers are looking for in the graduates, as well as keeping up with new technology, program improvement suggestions, and representing the needs of students from special populations. **Guidelines were included in packet**		

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Reading & Approval of Minutes	Everyone read the minutes. Joe Mariscal motioned to approve; Isaac Cordona seconded the motion. All in favor – Minutes were approved without any changes.	Committee
Old Business:	Carlos explained that the current students are using Mind tap,	
 Incorporation of Mind tap for catalog change 	which allows the student to access their e-book for the	
	course. This software allows the student to access their homework, quizzes, and exams. High School students benefit	
	by not having to carry any additional books.	
2. Continuing of 4DX for	Carlos Ramos shared with the committee that the Department	
retention Instructors	of Automotive Technology received the gold certificate with	
	the help of Connie Buchanan. This year with the help of Division Chair Luis Fernandez, they hope to receive gold	
	again.	
Continuing Business:	None.	
New Business: 1. Review of Technical	Dashboard information:	Luis Fernandez
Programs	Fall 2016 first time students: 11	Luis i emanuez
Dashboard/Comparison of	Fall 2016 program enrollment: 67	
Fall 2016 to Fall 2017	Fall 2017 first time students: 20	
Enrollment	Fall 2017 program enrollment: 61	
	Luis Fernandez informed the committee that with 4DX we are	Luis Fernandez
	finding ways to retain students. Gradcast is being used to	
	track students to see where are past students are working at.	
2. Evaporative Emission	Carlos Ramos shared that he needs an Evaporate Emission	Carlos Ramos
Smoke Machine	Smoke Machine because he is currently having problems with his.	
3. Automatic Brake Flush	1115.	
Machine	It is recommended to use an Automatic Brake Flush Machine,	
	to bleed the system automatically or flush the fluid completely	
	from the vehicle. This is another equipment we are looking into for the program	
Curriculum Decisions:	None.	
Discussion/Other:	Discussion:	
	Danny Vargas asked the committee members what type of training they do. Mr. Sotello responded that it all depends on	
	the shop or dealer. For Chrysler, there are 3 levels of training.	
	After taking all these trainings you can become a master	
	technician.	
	Troy Jones asked what are students our missing when they	
	are applying for jobs. Carlos Ramos responded that they are	
	having a hard time is the background check.	
	Troy discussed how the students lack personal touch.	
	Students need to learn how to answer with style an personal	
	opinion.	
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	Charlie Ramos shared a story with the committee about a student teaching him a new way to check the brakes with a cellphone.	
	Michelle Torres asked what certifications do the High School students take. Miguel answer that the students take four ASE certifications 1. Engine Repair 2. Engine Performance 3. Suspension	
Adjournment	4. Brakes Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Mariscal. Seconded by	
Aujournment	Issac Cardona. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.	

Lunch was provided

RECORDER SIGNATURE:	V-Vx	DATE:	NEXT MEETING: Fall 2018, unless otherwise notified.