

Auto Body Advisory Committee Meeting

03.14.16

Monday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m.

In attendance: Steve Foster, Bruce McLean, Alan Tuck, Jon Watanabe, Margaret Lau, Rob Hill, Eric Mason, Alan Tuck and Marna Lombardi

Discussion:

- a. Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced everyone to Margaret Lau, the new interim Dean for Industrial Technology.
- b. **Car Show:** Everyone was encouraged to take extra flyers so they can pass out registration sheets. Also the shops will be open for the public to take tours. Date: **Saturday, April 23rd** starting at 8:00 a.m..
- c. **Employment Outlook and input from industry partners:**
 1. Bruce, Eagle Collision talked about an AHC student was just let go. He has hired someone to replace him. He has other employees that are doing well. Bruce emphasized that attendance and being on time was essential.
 2. Alan said that ICAR is being done at Cuesta by Ron McDonald. Bruce said that he would like his workers to get certificates. Rob Hill is going to follow up and get information on how this works. Marna said that she has talked to ICAR representatives about this and passed on information to Eric and Patrick McGuire earlier this school year.
 3. Steve said that ICAR needs to be local. Workers do not want to drive to take the training.
 4. Margaret asked if ICAR certification is valued by industry. A common complaints about the training is that "seat time" is more valued than knowledge.
 5. Steve asked that students be taught how to look at existing and pre-existing damage and how to prepare an estimate. Eric acknowledged that learning how to write supplements is important.
 6. John said that what is meaningful for the students is that they are working on their own car. This is a good thing (they are committed to the project) but it is also a bad thing in the fact that it is their only project.
 7. Steve said that the City of Santa Maria is self-insured and we could look at a collaborative project to work on their cars or look at Enterprise Car Rental. Steve thought that this would be good for the advanced students that are interested in an Auto Body career. The goal of this would be the opportunity for students to work on a newer car.
 8. Eric thought about working out a deal with Black Road for a newer car that students could work on.
 9. Discussion took place on door skin and plastic and how to teach students how to work on this.
 10. Steve said that materials are charged and that he encourages students to use a cheese grater to minimize the amount of paint.

New equipment:

11. Curtains in the lab – separate the stalls out so students can work independently. It also helps the bad weather for the outdoor lab. Also have purchased cord reels to keep things safe and secure.

12. Suggestions for CTEA funding for next year:

- a. Alan asked about the need for curtains or something along the back wall to keep the auto bay protected.
- b. A computer program (Mitchell) is needed to teach quotations.
- c. Plastic welder - a nitrogen plastic welder is needed and would cost about \$6,500 each.
- d. Steve and Bruce both felt that the program should have a computerized estimating system. Eric said that he attempted to install one twice at AHC and felt that there wasn't enough computer support from IT (Information Technology) to keep the program updated. Mitchell on demand had issues because of the lack of technical support.

Scholarships:

13. Eric thanked Alan Tuck for his Custom Color Scholarships. Along with the Eric Mason scholarships many Auto Body students will benefit for the 2016-2017 school year.

Graduation:

14. Eric recognized that he has many students that will be getting their certificates and degrees.

ASE TESTING - Eric said that we are doing all Prometrics testing. Test schedule includes Friday evening and Saturday morning tests once a month at Allan Hancock College. Flyers were passed out to Advisory members to post in their workplaces.

Eric gave a tour of the lab and paint booths.

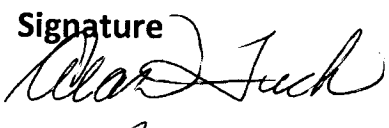
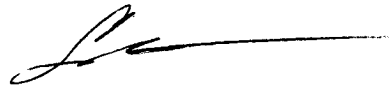

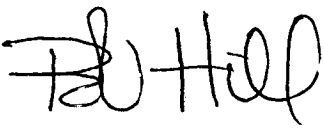
Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Marna Lombardi, 03.14.16

Welcome to the Industrial Technology Department
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Sign in Sheet:

Name	Signature	Business
1. Alan Tuck		Custom Colors
2. STEVE FOSTER		FOSTER'S BODY & PAINT
3. JOHN WATANABE		HOMER WATERS SANTA MARIAS.
4. Margaret Lau	Margaret Lau	AHC
5. Danny Merkel	D. Merkel	FARMERS INS.
6. Rob Hill		AHC/SANTA YNEZ HIGH
7. Dave McLean		
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Guests:

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