AUTO ADVISORY MEETING

MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2016 11:30AM T118

TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Meeting
FACILITATORS	Mark Williams, Manuel (Sonny) Loera
NOTE TAKER	Sharen Chavira

Approval of April 09, 2015 Minutes – Minutes approved

TOPIC	RETROFITTING OF AUTO COLLISION BUILDING

The Automotive Collision building was retrofitting for a year; most of the equipment/tools have been moved back in the building however, with the program growth, reorganization and space utilization project, more space is needed. The Maintance department has offered us, 40' containers for our storage needs. We will investigate this idea and find space for placement.

TOPIC NEW BROCHURES

- The existing Automotive Collision brochures have been revised and updated to reflect the most current information regarding the certificates and staff. The new brochures were distributed to the committee members.

TOPIC CURRICULUM & CERTIFICATE UPDATES - CLASSES

- AUTO 020, 022, 024 and 026 are the basic Automotive classes offered. Students can take two (2) classes per semester; successful completion could lead the students to employment with the industries in one year.
- This has been in the works for at least a year to expedite the process of students completing certificates.
- For the Advanced Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing Certificate, AUTO 028 and 029 estimating classes are included in addition to the four basic classes.
- General Automotive classes cover basics of the vehicles, too much emphasis was on the brakes for this certificate and some courses were removed, Basic Vehicle Restoration or Beginning Street Rod Construction was added.
- This certificate went from 68-units to 38-units, which was a recommendation from the Advisory Committee members.
- The Automotive Interiors program was discussed and suggested to create its own certificate as well as a Street Rod Construction Certificate.
- We are working with Strong Workforce and Riverside Community College to get our hybrid curriculum lined up with the rest of the eight sector colleges, making our students more competitive and with marketable skills they need for the changing industry.
- Funds through a local Collision Ramp Up grant are available to purchase a Hybrid Prius or Fusion to use in lecture and lab instruction.
- The Automotive Collision Advisory Committee overwhelmingly approved and agreed to any Hybrid, Electric vehicle and mechanical additions and/or certificate changes presented to the members.
- Graduates are entering the industry and internships at a good pace with an excellent success rate.

TOPIC GRANT PURCHASES

- With the assistance of grant funding, the department was able to purchase a new frame rack, tooling and other equipment to meet with the industry needs.
- Through the Ready to Accelerate My Pathways Grant (RampUp), the department is considering ordering an inline respirator system for refinishing. The Advisory Committee members unanimously agreed that the purchasing of the respirator system through this grant, pending approval, would meet the needs of the program.
- Through the Strong Workforce Program Grant, the Automotive Collision Department will be in the process of purchasing three (3) hybrid and EV vehicles and equipment for training.

TOPIC DONATIONS & NEEDS

- Chief has continued to be a donor for the Automotive program and assistance of what students would need for the industries.
- Updating the old and underrated welding machines for Aluminum and high strength steel.
- Update pneumatic power tools with cordless tools.
 - Increase instructional supplies budget to the needs of the program.
- Training for the hybrid implementation and new welding technics.

TOPIC PROMOTING/MARKETING

- Discussion took place on how to change the perception of the Automotive Program and San Bernardino Valley College overall, was shared with the members.

 Members agreed that overall, the college needs more advertising and marketing of the CTE programs in general.
- Some advertising ideas from the advisory committee members were: "When you think of hot-rod, you will think of SBVC"; fund raisers are fine for one-day, but this needs to be a "constant"; attend more local car shows; social media.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.

A tour of the Automotive, Collision Buildings, including T-116 & T 118B lab, Street Rod garage and the Spray Booth.