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## AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM

### Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Skyline College, Building 10 - Room 10-004 Wednesday, July 11, 2012 Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch started at 11:30 a.m. The meeting started at 11:45 a.m..

#### 1. Introductions of staff, advisory members.

##### Advisory Members:

*Pat Cadam*  
*Kris Cesena*  
*Patrick Chand*  
*Ray Chin*  
*Dan D'Amico*  
*Frank Fragomeni*  
*Dave Goo*

*Zim Gwee*  
*Mike King*  
*Sharon King*  
*Kirk Korenko*  
*Michael McKee*  
*Eric Sevim*

##### Skyline Staff:

*Kalon Behraves*  
*Tom Broxholm*  
*Don Carlson*  
*Rick Escalambre*  
*Dan Ming*  
*Anjana Richards*

*Clydie Rizzo*  
*Paul Spakowski*  
*Kevin Sullivan*  
*Ed Yee*  
*Rich Young*

Rick thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

#### 2. Review of Agenda—Rick Escalambre

The agenda was reviewed.

#### 3. Program Overview—Rick Escalambre

##### A. Enrollment & Fees (District is in Basic Aid)

Rick told the group that enrollment at night has increased. The cost per unit has increased to \$46 per unit. We would like to work on a Scholarship fund to help students afford their tuition. Skyline and the other colleges in the San Mateo County Community College District are now funded under basic aid which means our funding is from tuition and property taxes. This is a good thing for our colleges in a county like San Mateo County where home values are high.

##### B. Equipment/Tooling

We have had some equipment donations and purchased some new equipment for the department.

**C. Partnerships & Vehicles (Honda and KIA)**

We are partners with Honda PAC school on the maintenance level. Also, KIA uses our facility to train their technicians. KIA gave us vehicles this year, four 2011 cars were donated.

**D. Revision to ASIAN Program—ASIAN Body Electronics (Spring 2013)**

Ed Yee was hired as our full-time instructor and runs the ASIAN Automotive Program. This Spring 2013 the ASIAN Program class will be Body Electronics.

We received six more Nissans last December for the ASIAN Program.

The Generic Program has not changed.

Staff retirements will affect our Automotive Program. We hope to get replacements as people retire.

**4. Changes to Smog Check Program—Rick Escalambre**

(FLOW CHART ATTACHED)

January 1, 2013 the Smog Check Program will change. Smog Check stations will be called Star Stations. These are stations with high ratings. They will have access to 100% of vehicles. Go to [www.BAR.ca.gov](http://www.BAR.ca.gov) website and select Hot Topics, STAR.

**A. Licensing Requirements: Inspector License - Test Only & Repair Only License**

There will be a test only license. You do not need ASEs to get this license.

There will also be a repair only station.

There will be an OBD II only testing station. You won't need a dyno to test the vehicle. The software will reside at BAR.

**B. STAR Program**

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**C. Equipment Requirements and OBD II Only Testing**

Ray Chin asked when will the new equipment be required---**LISTEN TO TAPE**

Rick said that hybrids will get a visual inspection only.

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**5. Green Innovation Challenge—Anjana Richards**

(STACKABLE CERTIFICATES HANDOUT ATTACHED)

Anjana Richards told the group that we received the hybrid grant two years ago. The amount of the grant was 3 million dollars. Both Skyline College and Long Beach Community College are connected using this grant.



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She drew our attention to the Stackable Certificates handout that looks at the path of the Automotive Technician in training.

The student starts with the entry level classes of the Career Advancement Academy--Service Orientation, Automotive Fundamentals, Math and English tailored for Auto and Career Counseling. She said that they hope to sustain this program after the grant is over.

Richard Young told about the AUTO 510 Basic Hybrid Powertrains class. It helps get student comfortable with working on hybrids so they aren't afraid. They show them what is safe. The class is 50 to 60% hands-on. He encouraged members to send their technicians or come to the class themselves. Anjana said that the state saw this as an economic development move and that is why they funded the program.

Eric wondered if there will be a full-electrical car class? Anjana said that we were able to buy a Leaf. She said that we have the scan tool and will offer a workshop soon.

High school connections—there is a small amount of money to work with the high schools, mostly ROP. Richie and Kalon will be working on the Green Transportation Project.

Stackable certificates—the idea was to give the student more educational/employment options. For instance the Entry Level Program offers an Internship program with National Rent-a-Car and Wheelworks to get the student work experience while still in school.

The student works with CoOp Education to set their requirements. There are information packets for the employer about the program and liability the school will take—workman's comp is one. Tom said that the employer can try the student before they really hire him. Anjana said that they can be paid or unpaid internships.

Anjana asked the group how to increase retention of student and asked them to review the handout to tell her if it is realistic. For instance, is it of value to have student take the ASE as they complete their classes? Sharon told the group that ASEs are a requirement at her shop. Eric asked if students are working and going to school. Rick said that there are too many units in entry level program to have time to also work a part-time job. In our Generic and Asian about 50% of our students work part-time jobs.

Paul suggested that our students could work Friday and Saturday full-time. For some of our students it would have to be Saturday and Monday.

Eric said he would rather have an employee all day. For instance if the student had Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes then he would work Tuesday/Thursday all day. He did not seem to like the Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Monday schedule.



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Ray Chin told us that he has Lube techs that are from Skyline and they work half day with a mentor. He said that it works well for him.

Kirk said that his students work full-time on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Anjana asked the group if they will hire an employee with no educational experience? Pat said no, they need some training.

Dave Goo said that Snap-on offers huge discounts to the students. They can get a basic tool set for under \$1000.

## **6. Apprenticeship Information/Courses—Tom Broxholm**

The number of apprentices has grown slightly. We have a couple of new apprentices for a total of five. Tom told the group that we will be offering AUTO 777 Automatic Transmissions I soon at night.

Mike McGee asked if a non-union student can be an apprentice. Tom answered that they can attend classes but their training is not paid for by state as apprentice training is. Mike McGee said that this could be a solution for those working full-time during the day. They would still be able to get training at night.

## **7. Formation of a scholarship committee for deserving students—Rick Escalambre**

We hope to get all involved in building a scholarship fund. We want to recognize Kris and ASCCA scholarships and Kirk for his donations to Scholarships for our students. We hope to build the fund and working off interest for scholarships. Donated cars could add to that money if anyone is interested.

Rick said he would also like to thank Ray and Kirk for keeping our relationship going after Toyota left.

## **8. Additional comments and suggestions from the Advisory Board Members**

### **A. Employment opportunities**

### **B. Industry Outlook**

Rick asked for trends. Ray Chin said the sale of cars is going up. They are pushing used cars also. More maintenance is required on used cars which supports the service department.



Service Advising class is offered on Saturday this Fall. There has been great enthusiasm for this class. The class meets nine Saturdays after the Labor Day weekend. That Service Advising class came out of a discussion of this committee.

AUTO 753 Automotive Service Advising, Saturdays, Sept. 8 to Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Tom had another example—**LISTEN TO TAPE.**

Zim will supply **something??** for Dan.

Eric asked about ease of access to sign up. Also, he wondered is an Automotive Design course would that be anything that we could offer, possibly as a two year program. **LISTEN TO TAPE.**

#### **9. Review of NATEF Recertification paperwork for 2 ½ year review.**

We will be doing a review of NATEF (2.5 year) and will need help from the committee to complete this.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.