



Shoreline Community College

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GST PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

PROGRAM: GST

PLACE: Showroom – 2120

DATE: December 8, 2011

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Present:

Andrew Ang, Pacific Associates
Doug Carmichael, Westlund Auto
Jimmy Crallie, Toyota of Lake City
Ron Olson, PSADA – AYES
John Royce, Lynnwood Honda
Rick Shelton, Chuck Olson Chevrolet
Paul Svenkerud, Honda of Seattle
Tom Wilson, High Road Automotive
Michael Yonkoske, Specialty Auto Care

College Representatives:

Bob Biesiedzinski, Interim Director
Betsy Binnian, ESL Instructor, GST Program
Dave Cunningham, Workforce Dean
Mark Hankins, GST Instructor
Jacque Ogilvie, Automotive Dept. Secretary
Janos Szablya, Instructor Aid

Introduction/New Membership

Mark Hankins welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to this meeting. He announced changes to membership on the Advisory Board but some of the new members were unable to attend today: Frank Barton has taken the place of Pete Calkins from Stadium Nissan. Pete has a new position with Paccar. Brad Miller has replaced Brien Rose from Les Schwab on Aurora. Brien has transferred to another Les Schwab store outside of the Seattle area.

Our union representative, Ralph Henry, is supposed to attend our meetings but due to an oversight he did not receive an invitation. Dave Cunningham, our Workforce Dean, will send an apology letter and will make sure he knows that he will be invited to our next meeting. We strive to have good representation from labor, independent shops, franchise stores, and dealerships.

Mark stated that he will look for a representative from a Chrysler dealership since we have good representation from Toyota, Honda, and G.M. dealerships (this would allow us to have representatives from each two-year automotive program at Shoreline). GST students continue to enter all the automotive programs at Shoreline (as well as go to work in independent and franchise shops).

Current Student Status

Mark passed out a sheet with student information from the last class that completed the GST program. He asked everyone to look it over because some of these students may contact them seeking a job or internship opportunity. Mark encouraged the managers to call him if they interview any of the students on the list.

NATEF GST- Proposed changes under way

NATEF is currently revising the GST certification requirements. We have been discussing the certification of GST over the past few years and Mark thinks the GST program exceeds both the current and proposed certification requirements. The proposed certification under development is actually a better fit for our program outcomes. Depending on when the new certification program takes effect, we may certify under either the old or new requirements.

One possible concern is that we don't have an articulation agreement. This agreement is primarily intended for high school programs to articulate (provide credit for high school automotive work) with college programs. Very few GST students transfer to other colleges (most go directly to employment) but we do articulate, to a certain extent, with Shoreline's two year programs by waiving the third quarter internship when a student is accepted into ASEP, TTEN, PACT, or CAP. Mark has discussed the articulation agreement requirement with representatives of NATEF and they have indicated that it is something we can work around.

Now is a good time to get certified because the other 4 programs, (Honda, Toyota, GM and Chrysler) are currently in the process of being recertified. All five programs can be in sync for recertification in the future.

NATEF – Self-Evaluation Committee Selection

The GST notebooks are nearly complete Mark asked the board for volunteers to do the self-evaluation. The following members have volunteered to participate with the self-evaluation:

Doug Carmichael

John Royce

Rick Shelton

The self-evaluation will be done on site and should be accomplished in four or five hours.

Lunch is served - 11:45 a.m.

A-Yes Program Update

Ron Olson, Manager of AYES, told everyone that as of 12/31/11 AYES will have a new Regional Manger out of California. His name is Marvin Windfall. AYES is in the process of restructuring. This means that Ron Olson will only be in his position until the end of the month. Through the AYES program, the students learn maintenance and light repair. This gives the high school student an opportunity to see if they really want to pursue a career in automotive service. Ron thanked everyone for all the good work over the years.

Course Description and Outline Overview

We get the most high school students into the GST program during the fall quarter (we have five this fall quarter). Betsy Binnian would like to add a section on the application asking which high school automotive program they attended and for how long.

When a student is interested in GST, they must first come to an information and application session. Prospective students will usually have individual interviews with Mark Hankins. The GST program is very popular and it sometimes takes one or two quarters before new students get approval to enter the program. Qualified students must be persistent and remain in contact with Mark or Betsy before they get approval to enter the program.

Mark passed out the current GST course descriptions and outlines and asked the committee to compare it to the newly revised copies. We have deleted reference to ABE/ESL and now list IBEST. Rick Shelton suggested that we list basic tool sets as a prerequisite to the AUTOT 190 class.

All agreed that the revised program description should be submitted to the curriculum committee for approval. Mark also stated that he will revise and update the course outcomes to better reflect what is being taught.

Gates Grant for ATEP

We ran this program Spring and Fall quarter. It helped to improve student's math and English skills, and some of the students transferred into GST and two-year programs. We are doing this grant again but it may be a little different (learn from our previous experience and improve). We are waiting to hear more details from Bill Sperling, but the grant money has been approved for another project.

OTHER:

Future Projects (potential, long range)

Bob Biesiedzinski discussed initial contact with Western Washington University to develop a transfer program from Shoreline's automotive program to the Vehicle Research Institute. Conversations are preliminary but there is a lot of interest to see what may be possible.

Mark added that currently, the only universities that accept Shoreline's Automotive Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree offer Bachelor's Degrees in Automotive Technology. These credits would transfer to the university to meet the major technical requirements and students would need to take general education requirements during their junior and senior year. Bob described this as an "upside down" degree. There are very few four-year automotive degree programs in the nation (Northern Montana State; Pittsburg State University, Kansas; Southern Illinois State University, etc.) A program with Western Washington may require engineering classes (pre-engineering classes are available at Shoreline). It would be an interesting collaboration and provide another career pathway for our students.

Mark and Bob also mentioned that Hyundai may be interested in a program. Preliminary discussions with a Hyundai official suggested that GST would provide basic fundamentals and then have selected students continue their education in specific Hyundai classes, perhaps culminating with a two-year degree.

Current budget restrictions provide significant hurdles to the creation of new programs. Progress will likely be slow in the development of these or other new programs at this time. Any new program must be budget-neutral, meaning that they must pay for themselves without adding costs to the college.

Betsy assigned an informational interview project for the GST students last quarter. The students developed questions and worked on confirming their appointments. They were also informed on how to send thank you letters. They basically went through a mock interview and Betsy asked the group who talked with students if we should do it again. Comments regarding experience with the student interviews follow:

Doug Carmichael – Mine were good, they asked the right questions.

Jimmy Crallie – They were enthusiastic. It was great.

Michael Yonkoske – Mine were great, too.

John Royce. - They were great. Thrilled with Will Clark and gave them a tour of the shop and showed them around.

Betsy and Mark confirmed the project was a success and the committee members stated that the interviews were did not have a large impact on their time.

Mark thanked the committee for their good work and for taking precious time from their busy schedules to support the GST program.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Ogilvie
Dept. Secretary