

GST PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

PROGRAM: GST DATE: October 14, 2009

PLACE: Automotive Showroom TIME: 11:30 a.m.

Present:

Andrew Ang, Pacific Associates
Jimmy Crallie, Lake City Toyota
Aaron Ford, Car Pros Hyundai
John Royce, Lynnwood Honda
Tom Wilson, High Road Automotive
Michael Yonkoske, Specialty Auto Care

College Representatives:

Betsy Binnian, ESL Instructor, GST Program Mark Hankins, GST Instructor Jacquie Ogilvie, Automotive Dept. Secretary Don Schultz, Interim Director, Automotive

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Mark Hankins opened the meeting and thanked each person in attendance for coming.

Program Update:

Mark shared with the group that upcoming budget cuts will affect the college in unforeseen ways. Classes must be enrolled at 75% capacity or they will be cut. There are always many students applying to the GST program, more applicants than we can take in any given quarter, so the 75% minimum shouldn't be a threat to the GST program. Mark said that it is ironic that the economy is suffering yet we have a lot of funds from the campaign to expand the automotive program. These funds are being used to equip the building and we currently do not have any equipment or tool needs left unfulfilled.

The new building expansion is on schedule but it is not yet clear where the GST program class room will be located. GST is currently using classrooms that are vacant in both the automotive building and building 800.

Lunch was served.

Curriculum:

Mark is considering new course outlines and will ask the committee for their involvement as the program progresses. Things seem to be working well for students at this time although the program is trying to cover a lot of subjects in a very short time. If is really difficult to make any large revisions at this time with the disruption of construction.

We are currently teaching the AUTO 121 class; students are learning basic engine design, electrical systems, and maintenance. We are working to provide more hands-on experience although the crowded conditions of the shop during construction are making shop space difficult.

Career Navigator:

Andrew Ang has been able to help students with placement in dealerships and independent shops. We also have had a couple of students go onto South Seattle Community College and Clover Park for their body shop programs and diesel programs. Andrew has been able to help these students overcome financial obstacles and keep them on track with their career and education goals. Mark stated that Andrew has been very helpful with assisting GST students with securing jobs for their internship. In most cases, these students will have permanent employment. The GST program students are nearly 100% placed. Some go on to the two-year programs and are still locating employment for the coop that follows their first quarter.

AYES:

Ron Olsen reported that AYES continues to grow and there are more schools coming online in the state. Discussion about how GST fits or doesn't fit with high school programs followed. Mark said that we get high school automotive students who do not yet feel ready to join a two-year manufacturing program. Usually, these students may have had only one automotive class in high school and want to learn more before making the commitment to a manufacturer program.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Ogilvie Dept. Secretary