



**SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HONDA PACT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

PROGRAM: Honda PACT Program

DATE: October 12, 2011

PLACE: McNaughton Dining Room

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

Present: Andrew Ang, Pacific Associates
Rob Dykstra, Lynnwood Honda
Glen Elder, Snap-on
Dan Gonzales, Honda of Fife
Ryan Holmes, Klein Honda
Hung Ngo, Acura-American Honda
Ron Olson, AYES
Greg Pardee, Acura of Bellevue
Paul Svenkerud, Honda of Seattle

Via Telephone:
Brandon Shimizu, American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

College Representatives:
Bob Biesiedzinski, PACT Instructor
Dave Cunningham, Workforce Dean
Susan Hoyne, Division Dean
Jacquie Ogilvie, Dept. Secretary

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Bob Biesiedzinski welcomed the group, conducted intros and thanked everyone for taking time out to be at the meeting.

Brandon Shimizu, American Honda Motor Co., Inc., joined the meeting via telephone conference and was introduced. Brandon thanked Bob for all his hard work and mentioned that he had the lead program for Honda. We are the only school that gives students hands-on corporate credit as the students' progress through the program. All other schools must wait until the student graduates before the hands-on training credit is issued.

Our school is encouraging virtual meetings and this is something Bob would be interested in doing for one of our two meetings a year. He needs to first check with Honda, and NATEF to see if this would be something of interest.

Approval of last meeting minutes

A copy of the minutes from the April 20, 2011 Advisory Board meeting were passed out and were approved as written.

NATEF Self-Evaluation

NATEF looks at a school to insure that they meet the criteria expected by them. If a school does not get approved, they cannot teach the program. The Honda program here at Shoreline has always passed. As a matter of fact, all of the automotive programs have passed with no problem.

The purpose of this meeting is to have everyone look through the binders with information on our program related to the Self-evaluation portion of our NATEF Recertification. Two people will share a book and they need to look through the book and give a grade for each section. The grades will be from 1 – 5, of which, 5 is the highest.

A working lunch was served.

David Cunningham opened a discussion about a visit from Western Washington University and the Vehicle Research Institute (VRI). The Director of that program is very interested in visiting SCC and investigating what we do in the automotive programs. David indicated that we would, in return, visit their facility. Bob described his desire and research into forming an articulation agreement with WWU. The idea would be a “dual-track” option for Honda PACT that would result in a 2+2 transfer option towards an automotive engineering degree. Bob explained that the classes required as a post-graduate student in the VRI are very closely aligned with the curriculum required in the PACT Program.

A discussion about the job growth potential in King County was introduced by David Cunningham and Andrew Ang. David indicated that recent reports show that the growth rating for technicians in King County is listed as “balanced”. It was also noted that Snohomish County shows the market for automotive technicians is “in demand”. The Service Managers from the King County dealers were asked if they considered the demand for new automotive technicians to be in demand, balanced or in decline. The consensus was that the need is indeed balanced. Bob indicated that while the demand may indeed be balanced today, the common thought was that there are signs of growth and that most dealerships expect to be adding additional technicians in the next few years. Bob recommended that if they expect a need for technicians within this time frame that they begin training these personnel now so that their needs can be met by the time the students graduate from the program. There was general agreement that the suggestion is valid and should be acted upon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Ogilvie
Department Secretary