Automotive Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Agenda
October 24, 2012
6:00pm to 7:30pm

In Attendance:

Joe Auciello Volunteer
Gina Bogna COC Director/Internships & Job Development
Leonard Canning Retired/Bureau of Auto Repair
Tom Duenkel Parts & Svc Dir/Galpin Ford, North Hills
Collin Duffy Instructor College of the Canyons
Kurt G. Fahlman Acct Mgr for Snap-On Industrial
Kristin Houser COC Dean/Career Technical Education
Vince Inneo VP/Sales, PVI Products
Tom Johnson Volunteer
Steve Jolly Shop Foreman/Power Chevrolet
Denee Pescarmona Associate Dean of Instruction CCC
Owen Powell General Manager, Bouquet Auto Parts
Chip Reeves Chip's Muffler / Hart District Faculty
Liz Shaker Counselor, College of the Canyons
Jim Smelser Shop Foreman/Galpin Ford
Gary Sornborger COC Dept Chair/Automotive Technology
Steve Storey COC Auto Tech Faculty
Don Varela Hart District
Andree Walper City of SC /Economic Development Associate
Ty Reilley Student Representative
Mark Veltre COC Lab Instructor
Laren Johnson COC Adult Hourly

Unable to Attend:

Helen Azevedo Service Manager/ Infiniti & Hyundai
Karl Boeckmann VP/Galpin Ford
Joe Caso Owner/ Frontier Toyota
Pete Ciccone Canyon HS Auto/Industrial Tech Faculty
Chuck Coia Power Chevrolet
Rick Cook Service & Parts Director/Valencia BMW
Jason Crawford City of Santa Clarita
Carlos Dominguez General Manager/Power Honda Valencia
David Edwards Svc Mgr/Valencia Acura
Don Fleming Owner, Valencia Acura
Ken Frakes Service Manager/Nissan of Valencia
Mathew Gibson Bureau of Auto Repair
Oak Hills Elementary School

Guests

Oaks Hills — Cindy we want to have an international car show and food festival to help establish a Science lab at our school. We are looking for people to purchase a parking space to park their classic cars at the event. We are asking dealers to display their cars and the students will judge the cars. This is a great cause for our kids K to 6th grades. We have 80 parking spots to sell. Prices are negotiable and all car clubs are welcome. Mad dog game truck is participating. We will have shaved ice, a live band, dancing and a Silent Auction on April 26th.

Welcome and Introductions

Len Canning Board Chair

Purpose of Industry Advisory Board

Kristin Houser Dean CTE

Our Auto Program is dependent on the industry advisors. We need to make sure that we provide jobs for our students. The only way we can do that is by having input from the industry to make sure we are up-to-date on what we are teaching. We need to know the trends, assessment of job market and industry certifications. We want our facilities to be the most up to date. We are looking for donations to better help our students learn. We need help with evaluating support services. We want to be an effective program offering proper skills to get internships. This is an attempt to connect the college to business.

Len Canning was elected to Chair the Automotive Advisory Board.

Thank you Galpin

Department Chair

Gary Sornborger – Acknowledged Galpin Ford and their large tool donation.

Update on CA Community Colleges and state budget

Dean CTE
Kristin Houser – The college programs are being measured by numbers of completers. We want to measure our students that have gotten a degree or gotten a certificate. There is more accountability. When we talk about equipment and the facility we need to keep focus on the student completers.

Liz Shaker – Unfortunately we are going in the grant direction to fund programs. Completers are important but that cannot be the only measurement. We also have people who are leaving to get jobs and they should be considered when measuring completers.

Kristin Houser - There is a lot of discussion about changing the criteria. We are hoping to include people who are getting jobs as completers as well.

Tom Johnson - What kind of technology do we need to look at to be eligible and futuristic and grant worthy?

Kristin Houser– You all have the knowledge in your area what is hot and what is not. We need information on the most up and coming needs for our students. We have a huge grant writing arm at COC and we can continue to grow the program with more input from industry professionals.

**Curriculum review...What is needed to update it to help students. How can we be even more competitive for jobs?** Chairperson

Len Canning- Tom Duenkel is running electrical cars and Tom Johnson is working on older cars. We have a hybrid issue. Flash controllers’ need to be done every day. Teaching our students to do flash controllers is not expensive.

Tom Johnson – We need more computer based technology. Whenever a late model car has an issue it means that it needs to be tested on a flash unit with the computer.

Joe Auciello - I am willing to help with flash and the computer.

Tom Johnson - We can bring all the computers programs in that are needed.

Mark Veltre – We were doing software updates. Dealership has the tech 2 service program system. We need the software and computer.

Kurt Fahlman – You cannot use universal software. Pass through pros costs about $13,000 we have to have a good power source. Flashing is only available at the dealerships they are not economically viable. Where will that fit into curriculum?

Tom Johnson. We need just one Flash so that students can take the opportunity to learn how to use it.

Len Canning – Hybrid cars are 12 to 15 years old and they are now out at the independents for repairs. We have to be able to repair these cars. To repair the Prius you have to have the proper equipment. These are issues that we need to look at when the industry is going toward this kind of technology.

Steve Storey – The engines go on and off lines. This will have to be a new curriculum.
Len Canning – We have two experts in this area and need to take advantage of them.

Joe Auciello - The electrical grid is at 99% capacity and if we use it for flash the grid will crash. There are federal mandates to deal with the influx of electrical cars.

Tom Johnson - There has been a 27% increase of sales in diesel fuel cars. The Jeep Cherokee car is coming 2013.

Kurt Fahlman – There are certified programs already set up.

Tom Johnson – There are grants and technology for propane. We have 24 buses at Hart District that are running on propane. LAUSD has 220 propane buses and they are looking for technicians now.

Len Canning – Alternative fuels are the wave of the future we have an open opportunity for the college to grow.

Kristin Houser – We have worked on a National grant in this area.

**Equipment….what is needed to Update/upgrade program so that students be even more competitive for jobs?**

Board Chairperson

Kurt Fahlman – We will give you the software free but you have to meet certain standards. The new programs come out twice a year. The average software cost $14,000. Let us give it to you and you join our program. The students get certificates. They can get ASE and certificates for diagnostics, Media certification, hybrid certification and diesel certification.

Collin Duffy – We have a lot of equipment in boxes we have not really used. We need training and we need newer cars to use the equipment. There is no sense in training until we get the newer models. We need engines and transmissions that are newer to work on.

Tom Johnson- We need equipment for Emissions testing.
Gary Sornborger – We cannot do it at this time.
Gary Sornborger – We need another EIS machine.
Len Canning – I will talk to George about getting an EIS machine donated.
Joe Auciello – I really want auto students to use the computer to get info from dealers and other areas. If you use technology you increase your performance.

**Internships…What can be done to develop more significant internship opportunities for students?**

Director Internships

Gina Bogna – I pulled a list of employers and I just want to thank Owen Powell and Chip Reeves for their help. If there are any other opportunities with Galpin, please let me know. Honda manufacturing has set up four paid internships, two in manufacturing and two in other areas. Honda has decided to keep three of our interns on the payroll. I just heard from Human Resources at Honda and they want to hire more. We have 11 students ready to interview at Honda. I have an intern at Frontier Toyota. I would like to see our local dealers provide interns for the flash program. We are hoping to get an internship for Spring at Ford. If anyone would like to provide an internship, please let me know.
If the student is working with an expert in the field while working for you that would be an internship especially if unpaid. The Honda performance Development program is the ideal internship company.

Advisory Board membership...how can we get more local auto dealers involved?  Board Chairperson

Tom Johnson – We just need to go visit the dealers and introduce ourselves. I can go out and do this – I am a volunteer. We can get as many as you want to get to our meetings. We need outreach to dealers and other people to join our meetings – Tom Johnson, Gary Sornborger and Joe Auciello will go and meet dealerships in the area.

Adjourned: 7:45pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 6th, 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Canyon Country Campus.

Action Items: These are actions that were agreed upon by the Advisory Board and should take place prior to the next meeting in the Spring meeting.

Tom Johnson, Gary Sornborger and Joe Auciello will go and meet with dealerships in the area.

Joe Auciello - I am willing to help with flash and the computer for the school.