

## **Fall 2018 Advisory Committee Minutes**

### **Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing**

**Thursday October 18, 2018**

**Location of Meeting - 565 Maple St. Hathorne Ma. 01937 - Auto Collision Shop**

#### **Attendees Present**

#### **Guests Present**

Ron Trottier - Essex Tech Instructor - Facilitator

Keith Nieberle - Essex Tech Instructor

#### **Members Present**

Douglas Santa Cruz - Anderson Street Auto Body - Owner

Ashley Bourgeois - Kemperle Inc. - Supply Sales

Andrew Olson - Today's Collision Center - Technician - Alumnus

Brian Freedman - Accudraft Representative

Mike Levy - Don Kennett Inc. - Chairperson and General Advisory Representative

Thomas Duda - Retired Collision Instructor

Joseph Curtin - Kemperle Inc. - Alumnus

#### **Agenda Items**

#### **Approval of Minutes - Spring 2018 Meeting.**

The minutes of the April 5th 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

## **Review Shop/Laboratory Facilities and Equipment**

The committee toured the shop facility and verified that all the current equipment in the shop are up to industry standards. The committee viewed the current vehicles in the shop and their various stages of repair. The committee agreed that they had a very high rate of educational value for our students. The committee also noted that these are the type of repairs that they feel an entry level technician should be proficient in upon graduation of the program.

## **Annual Programmatic Review**

The committee reviewed the Annual Programmatic Review form and completed it. They did note that the welding equipment ventilation was not fully installed at this time.

## **Data Review**

The committee reviewed this years budget and felt that it was adequate to supply the students with what they would need throughout the year.

## **National Program Standards**

The committee was informed that the students are still completing the I-CAR intro series as well as completing their I-CAR Pro-Level 1 Certifications in both refinishing and non-structural repairs. I-CAR continues to set the National Standard for collision repair.

## **Student Enrollment/Placement**

The committee was informed of our current enrollment numbers. The committee continues to be confused with the fact that there are so many students that are on the waiting list to come to Essex North Shore “why aren’t the open spots in Collision being filled?” The committee was

informed that two 10th grade students have transferred in this year and that we are hoping that this is just a start of things to come. The committee was informed that we have two seniors currently on Coop with a third that will be starting shortly.

Mr. Santa Cruz stated that he has enjoyed participating in the coop program and that he has enjoyed “helping a student grow and contribute to their education.”

### **New Trends in the Occupational Area**

The committee discussed the trends that they are currently seeing in the industry. The committee pointed out the increased use of aluminum and the use of tinted clear-coats becoming more popular with many manufactures.

### **Employment Outlook**

The committee just can't say enough about the current demand for collision technicians. So many shops in the area are looking for quality help. Mr. Santa Cruz even took it upon himself to seek out Secretary Acosta. He gave her his business card and is hoping to have a conversation in the future to discuss the need for technicians in the collision industry.

### **New Business**

The committee reviewed the new related/theory curriculum maps which have been updated to coincide with our new textbooks. The committee was in favor of the new related/theory curriculum maps and approve of their implementation.

The committee was informed of the great success of last springs Auto Expo car show. Funds were raised to help purchase tools for two graduating seniors. Thanks went out to our sponsors, Kelly Motor Group, Don Kennett Inc, and P&G Auto Body Supply.

## **Recommendations**

The committee still recommends the school purchasing a modern resistance spot welder and aluminum repair tool station which are needed to maintain the high standards of Essex North Shore.

The committee recommends that the State of Massachusetts should require the licensing of collision repair technicians in the same manner as electricians and plumbers.

## **Adjournment**

There being no other items on the agenda or any others items presented to the board to be discussed all members were in favor of the meeting adjournment at 8:15 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Ron Trottier

Keith Nieberle