



Spring 2022 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing

Date: 4/7/22

Members Present:

Rodney Schneider

Brian Freedman

Ashley Bourgeois

Paul Tahesian

Gavin Harris

Grant Harris

Brian Long

Jaiden Arroyo

Guest Present:

Ron Trottier

Keith Nieberle

Program Facilitator: Ron Trottier

Committee Chair: *Mike Levy could not make the meeting so Rod Schneider was acting committee chair and attended the general advisory meeting.*



Subject *Fall 2021 Program Advisory Minutes*

Discussion

The Fall 2021 Automotive Collision PAC Minutes were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Subject *Program Updates (enrollment, competency attainment, curriculum, equipment & projects/field work, senior portfolio showcase, etc)*

Discussion

Student enrollment has greatly increased over the last couple of years. Due to the addition of the after dark program and very strong freshman enrollment. We currently have 16 freshmen, 6 sophomores, 8 juniors, and 3 seniors enrolled full time as well as 2 juniors and 7 seniors in the after dark program.

The I-CAR curriculum is still being implemented with all juniors earning their I-CAR Non-Structural Pro-Level 1 certification and all seniors earning their I-CAR Refinishing Pro-Level 1 certification.

Thanks to a very generous private grant the school was able to purchase a new Miller Silicon Bronze welder which the committee has previously recommended to keep up with technology changes in the collision industry.

The committee reviewed all of the customer work requests which were completed by the students this year. The committee felt that they all had very good educational value and that the repairs were completed to industry standards.

The committee was informed of the portfolio review process and the date on which the portfolio presentations will take place. We are hoping a few members can attend if their schedule permits.



Subject *Cooperative Education Update*

Discussion

We currently have three students in the cooperative education program. We have a senior who is employed at Jiffy Lube in Beverly, one Junior who is employed at Danvers Ford in Danvers and another junior employed at Precision Autobody in Gloucester. We also have an after dark student in the process to be employed at IRA Collision Center in Danvers.

Subject *Review CTE Program Assessment*

Discussion

The committee reviewed the CTE program assessment and recommended no changes.

Subject *Employment Outlook/Industry Trends*

Discussion

Once again the committee expressed the desperate need for youth in the industry to replace the aging workforce.

The committee also expressed concerns with supply chain issues affecting many shops for the acquisitions of parts and certain materials. The use of tintable clear coats was also discussed. Another trend they are seeing is many shops finding other revenue streams to increase shop profits due to low labor rates offered by most insurance companies in the state.



Subject *Recommendations for Program*

Discussion

The committee recommended improving the shop lighting.

Subject *New Business*

Discussion

SkillsUSA District Competition Results

The committee was informed of Collision's success at this year's SkillsUSA Districts. For the second year in a row Gavin H. earned the Gold Medal in Collision Repair Technology with Sophia L. close behind taking home the Silver Medal. Gentijana O. earned the Silver Medal in Auto Damage Appraisal. We wish them all the best of luck at the SkillsUSA State Competition.

Auto Expo 2022 Car Show

The committee was informed of the details and date for this year's event which is May 21st 2022. The committee took flyers with them to pass out to their friends and associates to help advertise. P&G Autobody Supply has agreed to once again be our trophy sponsor as well as both Don Kennett Inc. and Kemperle Auto Body Supply offered to donate some raffle items for the event. Their continued support is greatly appreciated. All funds raised will go to the tool scholarship fund which will be awarded to deserving seniors entering the trade.

Seeing no further business being presented to the committee the meeting was adjourned at 7:20

Sincerely Submitted, Ron Trottier
Keith Nieberle



ESSEX NORTH SHORE
AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL