

**Automotive Advisory Board Meeting
October 27, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

Kelley Cervantes, Dave, Kietzmann, Lisa McClain, Chris Rahn, Bruce Rape, Eric Rome, Chuck Shepard, Mike Shutes,

REPORTS

There were no reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

As was discussed in the spring advisory board meeting manual transmissions will be removed from the curriculum, there is not much request for that course. Success in College is required for all degrees and the industry partners agreed that course is necessary for all new students.

NEW BUSINESS

The members discussed internships. Mike is always looking for industry partners willing to take interns, he is very selective in who he sends out to industry and this has worked out well for the college and the partners. Eric Rome from Carmack said he would be willing to take interns if Mike will contact him directly.

Employment in the auto industry is driven by weather, taxes and politics. The industry tends to be reactionary and is determined by the flux in the auto market. There will be a demand for Big Truck techs coming up, especially with the self-driving vehicles. The members discussed the changing auto tech industry and how it may be taught in the future. Unfortunately auto manufacturers are trying to keep technology close to them.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

The possibility of offering MIG welding as an elective to the Automotive Degree was discussed. Fabrication and plasma cutting is essential to Chris Rahn and Rahn Equipment. There is a need for competent welders even in automotive.

Mike went to a NAPA Auto Tech course to learn more information to add to his courses. There is always a need to keep up with technology.

DATE of NEXT MEETING

TBD

MINUTES SUBMITTED by:

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