

Automotive Advisory Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023
11:30 AM
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ATTENDANCE	Jeremy Bell, Vermilion Chevy; Terri Cummings, Dean-DACC; Gina Davis, Perkins-DACC; Dean Graves, Faculty-DACC; LaTana Lillard, Advising-DACC; Noah Martinez, Vermilion Chevy (DACC Graduate); Kevin O'Donnell, Vermilion Chevy; Eric Wagner, Ford Ace Program; Alan Wilson, Faculty-DACC
OLD BUSINESS	The meeting started out with an examination of past graduates that are employed at Vermilion Chevy to discover if there were any gaps in the graduates training at DACC. Vermilion Chevy is very pleased with the quality of graduates from DACC, some employees have been with them for two years now.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>A lengthy discussion regarding electric vehicle training ensued with comments from Vermilion Chevy that select technicians take 15-20 classes. The classes are a combination of web based courses and hands-on training in either Chicago or St. Louis. Ford also has a similar program for training techs in E.V diagnostics and repair. Industry partners from Chevy and Ford expressed that they would help to try and obtain access to Alan and Dean in the GM Web Training portion of E.V. Alan recently went through a web E.V. safety course with Weber State University. There were some real concerns about storing the E.V. batteries on campus grounds following OSHA standards. The industry partners assured DACC that it would not be an issue.</p> <p>Eric Wagner from Ford introduced the concept of an E.V. Kit Car from Switch Pro that is designed to be assembled and disassembled for learning. This might be a good option for our students.</p> <p>With the adoption of a 10th edition of the book which sprinkles E.V. throughout the semester, both Alan and Dean will update their Master Syllabi in AUTO to include as much E.V. as possible without adding any new classes at this time. A new certificate will be developed however for E.V. vehicles. The new certificate (25-27 credits) will include already established classes such as business computer systems, intro to electricity/electronics, and OSHA30.</p>

	<p>Improvements/Advances. Over the last four years the college has updated the Hunter Machine software and balancer. As of this meeting faculty are at a crossroads regarding the scan tool. The current tool needs an update. The question is whether to purchase the update or purchase a new scan tool, perhaps upgrading to the Apollo.</p> <p>Labor Market. Auto techs are always needed and most locations are short by about 2 ½ techs. Some dealerships are experiencing even more of a labor shortage. The pay compensation for auto techs is on par with other industries with pay around \$39 per hour and guarantees of 75K a year with plenty of compensation if a tech works over 40 hours.</p> <p>Internships. The partnership between DACC and the local dealerships is strong. Vermilion Chevy expressed that they work around interns' school schedules so they can get proper training.</p>
<p>ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR</p>	<p>The membership talked about things in the program that could be improved or changed and three key points were made: 1) Increase hands-on diagnostics, 2) more training on electronics, 3) a need for the program to obtain vehicles newer than 2009 to use for hands-on training.</p> <p>In partnership with The Mustang Club, DACC will host the 15th Annual Car Show Memorial Day weekend on May 27, 2023. More details to be announced.</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>2024 TBD</p>
<p>MINUTES SUBMITTED by</p>	<p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p><i>Lisa J. Osborne</i></p> <p>Lisa J. Osborne Administrative Assistant Business and Technology</p>