

## **AUTOMOTIVE ADVISORY BOARD**

**May 2, 2019**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Dave Beck, Bobby Buckman, Terri Cummings, Dave Kietzmann, Kevin O'Donnell, Jeff Primmer, Angela Songer, Alan Wilson

### **REPORTS**

Dean and Alan gave an overview of future changes to the Automotive Curriculum. The new faculty want to install adrenaline back into the program. Automotive in 2019 is highly technical. There is a lot of electronics and computer components in new vehicles. Ultimately it is the goal of the automotive program to increase enrollment by bringing modern procedures to the curriculum.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to report

### **NEW BUSINESS**

With his background in engineering and quality and his automotive hobby Dean would like to bring high performance vehicles to the program. One of the projects he would like to implement is having multiple departments in the tech center participate in building a car.

Both faculty are trying to use the current College Express program as a jumping off point to increase enrollment by encouraging current students to continue their academic career beyond high school at DACC.

The members of the advisory council were on board with the changes. They asked a few questions about our student's performance to make sure the students were getting the basics of automotive (ie: oil changes, engine diagnosis, etc.)

### **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was a short discussion about internships. The faculty wanted to make it clear to the industry members that they would like to work with them to send students for internships. However, their concern was that the student would not return to complete their degrees/certificates if they were given a job. One way to prevent this is to have the industry partners encourage students to obtain a degree or certificate.

Vermilion Chevrolet mentioned one way they are considering doing S.O.E's is to have students to Saturday Service at their shop or in their parts department. This would be 8am-4pm and be supervised.

### **DATE of NEXT MEETING**

TBD

### **MINUTES SUBMITTED by:**

Respectfully submitted,

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