



LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2019 5:30 P.M. DON TALLEY BUILDING, ROOM 201

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. ATTENDEES

Charlie Zimmerman, Bob's Lil Car Hospital
Wayne Miller, Woodland High School
Roy Byman, Longview Tire and Auto
Randy Bailey, retired, former Longview School District CTE teacher
Corry Kile, LCC
Gary Roeske, LCC
Lynell Amundson, LCC

III. AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Charlie Zimmerman was nominated as chair and approved by committee.
- b) MINUTES from Fall 2017 and Fall 2018 were reviewed. Charlie moved to approve. Wayne seconded.
- c) ENROLLMENT UPDATES
Corry Kile and Gary Roeske led discussion about declining enrollment in first year courses. Second year students have remained steady but numbers are still low. Committee questioned discrepancy in numbers from first year to second year. Gary and Corry shared that students can enroll any quarter as well as complete their certificate or degree in any quarter.
No Running Start students currently enrolled in automotive programs. Wayne Miller shared that Woodland High School's automotive classes are full.
Instructors are actively recruiting, attended student career fair in Portland; will be at Earth Day event at Cowlitz County Event Center; 7th graders were on campus touring vocational programs April 9th. Charlie participated in Career Day at Cascade Middle School.
- d) PROGRAM REVIEW
Discussion about training for specific vehicle models; some small automotive shops have different employees develop a specialty working on a single model or equipment. Gary and Corry have attempted to develop automotive manufacturer partnerships over the years but hear from potential partners that LCC's location in a small community



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between Portland and Seattle prevents partnership from giving a return on the company's investment.

Committee discussion about rapidly changing technology and the need for students to be sharp to stay on top of new skills needed. Not very many people have overall knowledge of multiple vehicle types and committee encourages helping students learn as much as possible about every make and model.

Discussion about looming retirements, 35% of employees in automotive technology industry are in the 55 to 60 age range, difficulty finding young people that have the knack for working in the automotive industry. Perception of industry needs to change. Roy shared that he learned most of his skills on the job; went to school while at the same time working. Committee discussion about internship or Cooperative Education being added to program to give work experience. Randy talked about success of cooperative education programs.

IV. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS

a. Try-A-Trade May 17, 2019

LCC Career Connected Learning is hosting its second Try-a-Trade event. This event is structured to give high school students a chance to explore the careers and training opportunities in automotive, diesel, information technology, machine, and welding sectors. Participating 9th-12th grade students partner with LCC faculty and students to build, make, and experiment through hands-on activities. Businesses can get involved through sponsorship, providing activities onsite at LCC, or by partnering with faculty to teach short, hands-on lessons. Charlie Zimmerman will be participating.

b. NEXT MEETING: Committee recommended a later start time to aid better attendance. Next meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 2019, location TBD.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 by Randy, seconded by Roy. The group then took a short tour of the Automotive Technology lab.