



## AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Nov. 14th, 2018 5:30 p.m. LCC Don Talley Building, Room 233

### **I. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.**

### **II. ATTENDEES**

Nick Burk, Kelso High School  
Charlie Zimmerman, Bob's Little Car Hospital  
Corry Kile, LCC  
Gary Roeske, LCC

### **III. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **a) Advisory Committee Overview**

The Welcome and Advisory Overview document was provided to attendees and role of committee discussed. Members suggested potential new members.

#### **b) Review minutes from Spring 2017 and Fall 2017 meetings**

There was not a quorum of attendees to review and approve minutes. Gary Roeske suggested sending minutes out electronically for approval.

#### **c) Enrollment Updates**

Enrollment information comparing Fall 2017 with Fall 2018 was provided to attendees. Enrollment the same at the start of both quarters but Corry Kile explained that enrollment has dropped Fall 2018 due to students dropping/exiting mostly due to attendance issues.

#### **d) Labor Market Update**

Committee members were provided a document with information from O\*Net with Bureau of Labor Statistics projections for 2016-2026; indicates Washington state will see a 15% increase/change in employment due to growth and replacements for Automotive Service Mechanics and Automotive Specialty Technicians; in a survey of employers nationwide 52% indicated a post-secondary certificate is required.

Committee discussion about the need for quality technicians. Charlie Zimmerman shared information regarding new hires misrepresenting their skill level, a lack of diagnostic skills, ability to determine issue with an engine unless they put it on a diagnostic machine, looking for technicians that know engines.



### e) Program Updates

LCC faculty discussed need for a new scan tool, a \$17,000 investment. Discussion about existing scanning tools for various models, software/licensing costs for continued support. Charlie Zimmerman suggested checking into education discount.

LCC faculty shared information about Maintenance and Light Repair certificate proposed for I-Best program; explained I-Best program involves two instructors in the classroom with first year students, one specifically to assist students with any remediation or additional assistance needed; most students need additional help with math and communication skills; Gary Roeske handed out survey document to determine if employers would find value in the entry level certificate; Charlie Zimmerman supported concept of certificate, shared information about the number of retirements expecting to see – 35 to 40 percent of quality technicians across the industry; hiring entry level technicians provides opportunity to train employees that are committed to your company, develop appropriate skills.

Corry Kile shared information regarding LCC's Automotive Program accomplishing recertification through the ASE Education Foundation (formerly NATEF). Ten standards had to be met along with supporting documentation. Process requires evaluation team with industry professionals who review tools, textbooks, what and how students are being taught, the physical space of the program as well as campus policies. Recertification is required every five years, which includes the expectation LCC will conduct a self-evaluation every two-and-a-half years.

Charlie Zimmerman expressed frustration with ASE Testing only being available during the day. Local automotive shops are referring technicians to Portland area locations so they can take advantage of evening test sessions. Requested evening sessions of ASE Testing. LCC faculty will talk to LCC's Testing Center manager to see what can be arranged.

## IV. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a. Nov. 16th Post-Secondary Exploration, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kelso High School; opportunity to meet one-on-one with 11th and 12th graders to discuss options after graduation. To participate contact Nichole Johnson, (360) 501-1830, [nicole.johnson@kelsosd.org](mailto:nicole.johnson@kelsosd.org)
- b. 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 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. To learn more, please contact Hahli Rogers at [hrogers@lowercolumbia.edu](mailto:hrogers@lowercolumbia.edu) or call (360) 442-2600.

Charlie Zimmerman and Nick Burk both expressed interest in participating; requested additional information.

*c. NEXT MEETING (DATE/TIME/PLACE): 5:30 p.m. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, LCC*

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.