

MINUTES

Chaffey College Automotive Technology 2022 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date | time May 22 2022 @ 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Jonathan Polidano

In Attendance

Jonathan Polidano – Program Faculty

Bruce Osburn – Program Faculty

John Hudson – Program faculty

Jay Scott – Program Faculty

Yolanda Friday – Program Dean

Milo “Mike” Sheldon - Program Adjunct Faculty

Natalie Weaver – Chaffey College Intech Center

Michelle Palmer - Ford, Technical Placement Specialist

Brett Godfrey – Toyota LA Region

Matthew Eshelman –

Istvan Klag – Night Motorsports, Owner

Presentation Report

- Presentation started sharing program status and information.
 - Tool cart award program, 8 graduates in Spring 2022 (highest since pandemic start)
 - Measure P renovation update, final design stages
 - Program outreach to K-12 schools and site visits at Chaffey
 - New engine machining equipment for the machining program
 - Overview of Fontana High School program
 - Review of AS and Degree offerings in program
 - Review of Fast Track course offerings
 - Review individual course offerings available in program
 - Brett said everything looked good as far as offerings
 - Mike Sheldon shares that the window of opportunity for SMOG technicians is likely decreasing/shrinking
 - Discussion around the potential benefits of leveraging non-credit courses
 - Regional need for engine machinist
 - Michelle Palmer: Keep top end machining and bottom end separate. Lack of availability of replacement engines means more machining needed.
 - Istvan Klag: Also recommends keeping courses separate
 - Updated list of student certifications and licenses available, INCLUDING Toyota certification

- Brett Godfrey: Toyota values ASE certifications
 - Discussion about value of ASE Entry Level certifications
 - Brett Godfrey: Techs are afraid to fail ASE tests
 - Michele Palmer: ASE gives techs a “leg up” so they can move up in the dealership faster, also helps qualify students when being hired
- Employability and Soft Skills development within our program
- LMI key data share out
 - 1,273 job openings through 2025
 - Median hourly wage is \$20.43
 - Michele Palmer: Some shops have techs making well over \$100K per year, most techs within 3-5 years are making \$70-80K per year. If not, they’re in the wrong shop.
 - John Hudson: Friend at shop in Bakersfield, all his techs were \$25-35 per hour.
 - Bruce Osburn: Job classification is hard to define
 - Brett Godfrey: State of California law of twice minimum wage if you supply your own tools. Numbers do seem low.
- Potential New Programs
 - Michele palmer: Diesel equipment program is needed, they’re (diesel’s) are becoming the “unicorn” with less students learning it, work trucks, delivery trucks, the need is not going to diminish
- Apprenticeship Opportunity
 - Program is expect to begin in the Fall semester with the first cohort, new evening fast track classes,
- Shared link to the program survey and LMI information in the chat
- Meeting ended at 7:30 PM