NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CYPRESS COLLEGE

**ADVISORY MEETING**

**AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR**

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December 5, 2019 @ 6:45 pm

The Cypress College Auto Collision Repair Program conducted an advisory board meeting with the following attending:

* Larry Ramos - Cypress College-ACR Program Instructor
* Dan Snook- Cypress College- ACR Program Instructor
* Lidia Coman - Cypress College - ACR Lab. Clerk
* Walt Bugbee – Cypress College – Adjunct Instructor
* Roxana Barcello- Cypress College –Adjunct Instructor
* Jeannie Mitch- Cypress College- Counselor
* Cesar Rodriguez- Honda World
* Denise Pena- Brea Auto Body
* Ed Terwilliger- Cypress College –Adjunct Instructor
* Victor Melgoza- Martin Auto Color
* Glenn Gorman- Open 7 Days Auto Body
* Brandon Thomas- LKQ
* Eric Ramirez- Brea Auto Body

Larry:

-welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves

-stated the mission of the department: to provide entry level technicians for the collision industry

-Perkins 5 new funding cycle changes: supports career technical organizations including preparation for and participation in technical skill competitions. Funds industry recognized certification examination leading to a recognized postsecondary credential: ICAR, IDA and ASE. Also provides professional development for faculty.

-recently participated in middle school outreach and emphasized the importance of targeting students as early as junior high school to plant the seed and get them interested

-is looking into Skills USA (former VICA) if they are still around.

Jeannie:

-Skills USA works with student as early as junior High School; they offer scholarships opportunities

-high school students can currently enroll in college courses with approval from high school administration. Colleges can also offer auto collision courses on high school campuses; this way it’s more likely to attract high schools students who are already taking collision classes while in high school

Victor:

-attended Fullerton high school collision classes and his instructor sent him to Cypress College after graduation; that’s how he found out about the program. He ended up graduating from Cypress College Collision Program many years ago.

Jeannie:

-suggested to start articulation agreements with high school collision programs

-many high school students are looking for something where they can be ‘hands-on” for not all of them are going to a 4 year college

-suggested streamlining curriculum to reflect pathways more attainable by students

 Larry:

-responded that we are currently working to deactivate courses that remain unattended in an effort to mitigate student completion rates and hasten pathways to success.

Ed:

-talked with some prospective students who gave up registration due to what they called “a complicated process”

Jeannie:

-recommends sending students to the counselor office for help with the registration

-currently there are 2 full time counselors in the CTE division office and help in available longer hours for the prospective students who need help

Ed:

-started attending SEMA show in 1973 and has been going every year since; only missed it probably 3 times

-this year the show was huge; seems like is growing every year

-detailing tools and chemicals are changing a lot, sees many “boutique” brands, all good products who are made by the same manufacture: B&B Blending

-found tools that are copied from other brand names like Rupes dual action polisher available at Harbor Freight for a fraction of the original cost

-suggests students buy their own tools if they want to work in a shop

Denise:

-if a technician has his own tools, shops are supposed to pay them double minimum wage. Many dealers in CA are being sued for not following this law. PAGA (Private Attorneys General Act) passed and allows aggrieved employees to file lawsuits to recover civil penalties on behalf of themselves and the State of California for Labor Code violations.

-is not encouraging students to buy tools because many dealers cannot afford to pay double minimum wage for an entry level technician

Ed:

-new CA law passed requiring 150K bonds for any business who has “detailing cars” in their name; many business are dropping “detailing” name from the business name to get away with it.

Jeannie:

-we have to find something to motivate young students: bring paint projects to outreach events at junior high school and high schools so they can see what they can possible do

Larry:

-in his outreach activities, more girls than boys expressed interest

-if we get them interested in applying their natural talent with this field is a win

Denise:

-a way to engage the parents and get their approval for this career choice of their children: they need to be informed about the changes in the automotive industry with new technology being inserted every year; more educated technicians are needed for future cars

Dan:

-frustrated that manufactures industries who will not give repair technical information to educators. He has access to one of them from a personal friend but not directly from car manufactures

Denise:

-All Data or Mitchell has lots of info but they are constantly changing

-shops will print info with the repair job to proof the repair was done accordingly to their current direction

-suggest building relationships with car manufactures and also write data-access in the Grants to cover the monthly fees (it may costs thousands of dollars in OEM technical repair information monthly updates)

Cesar:

-CCC One gives a lot of information on how to do vehicle repair

-CCC One Management app is on-line access to all project and procedures

-Mitchell management system is no longer used in lots of shops he knows

Lidia:

-currently, both Mitchell Ultra-Mate Estimating System and CCC One Estimating system are being taught ; it seems that the instructor and students are preferring CCC One over Mitchell

Eddie:

-Brea Auto Body uses Profit Net app and is very good

Walt:

-knows of companies that certify cars that have been in accidents; they work with OEM. Traditionally this has been addressed by the dealer only.

Dan:

-went to SEMA to try to form relationships with car manufactures and other vendors; that did not go very well

Denise:

-knows of colleges closing automotive programs; she is looking to come together with manufactures/ shops to help schools. Shortage of technicians is current (her shop currently needs a body tech and a body helper).

-airline industry experiences a shortage of repair technicians too

-trying to do a small coalition to connect schools and industry partners to address this need

Larry:

-collision department mixing room repair is in progress and the campus has allocated $200,000 for this project

-concrete work to remove the old frame rack has been approved and it’s in process of getting bids for the job

-expressed the struggle he has with current students who once they get here they don’t have a desire to continue to learn

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Larry thanked everyone for their participation and their input.