NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CYPRESS COLLEGE

**ADVISORY MEETING**

**AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR**

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September 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm

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

* 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
* Jeannie Mitch- Cypress College- Counselor
* Robert DeBarr- Toyota of Long Beach
* Sean Riga- Astec Corporation
* Daniel Boche- LKQ
* Joe DiDonato-Toyota Motor Sales
* Curtis Atwood- Evercoat Industries

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

-talked about safe lab protocols and procedures during Covid-19 pandemic: students are in the lab a very limited number of hours and they observe safe lab protocol: social distancing, face masks, face shields; disinfecting

Joe:

-asked about any difficulty acquiring N95 masks

Larry:

-the acquisition of PPE started as soon as the campus closed down and there have been enough masks, gloves and sanitizers for the department’s needs; the campus also provided supplies

Larry:

-asked how a large shop like Toyota of Long Beach function with Covid19

Robert:

-they manage to operate at this time by making face masks required, disinfecting cars

Larry:

-due to COVID 19, NATEF is extending certification requirements for 1 more year so there will be no inspections during pandemic time

-program is suffering due to low laboratory hours; T-TEN program in Auto Tech has been approved a significantly higher number of lab hours

-curriculum is still in process of updating all core classes to 100 level, to better facilitate a more streamline stackable pathway to student success.

Jeannie:

Agreed and stated with vehicles becoming more complex, curriculum needs to increase to transfer level. Rio Hondo offers a Bachelor of Technology degree. Counselors will be meeting with them to discuss articulation.

Larry:

Dr. Jane Jepson was instrumental in updating courses with the intent of articulating with Rio Hondo College.

Curtis:

Having graduated from the collision program here, I think it is imperative that the courses be updated and articulation is secured with Rio Hondo.

All in attendance agreed. The courses should be updated to 100 level.

Sean:

-just hired a female student form Cypress collision program and he is pleased with the hire

Larry:

-asked if Sean can come as a guest speaker to talk with his class

-wants to increase the number of students’ hours on campus during COVID 19

-trying to prepare the students for entry level technician positions

-students are suffering during this time

Dan:

-retention is vey low due to holding classes on Zoom

-90% of students want to be here to get hands-on education

-losing all first semester students is concerning

-before COVID 19 hit, classes were full and wait listed

-asked administration for support to increase number of lab hours, it’s simply not possible to teach hands-on skills on zoom

Larry:

-works hard to fill the program even though administrators do not want him to have increased exposure to the virus

Curt:

-when he talked about ACR 30, quiz, 2 students got better then 50% but in the lab they all got all the steps necessary

Larry:

-asked Jenny how airline students are doing

Jeannie:

-technology piece is a big burden and hands-on has no substitution

-Airline and Travel Career department is hurting, hospitality same, if you teach remotely, they have no equipment to conduct class without in person lab

- remote lab cannot substitute for hands-on lab

Larry:

- gave students credit for work done at home, like preparing a fender for painting if they show step by step process

Curt:

-medium to soft blow, watch on line is not the same

Robert:

- I-CAR is paper technician

-Lab is very important to have hands on

Jeannie:

-based on the department certification: industry saying what you need, what is acceptable and may be able to extend lab outside

Robert:

-outside lab could be safer than inside

Daniel:

-LKQ is offering sheet metal if the program needs it.

Larry:

-classes are cross listed and it takes creativity to schedule a limited number of students in the lab

Robert:

-suggested to extend to class offering to Fridays & Saturdays

Jeannie:

-asked about industry stats, who is hiring, what are wages

Robert:

- Toyota of Long Beach is starting a new hire with flat rate

Curt:

-most of collision students double their salary 1 or 2 years after graduating

Jeannie:

-in order to maintain industry standards…

Curt:

- suggests to poll the students see what amount were lost due to COVID 19

Jeannie:

-any stories, support, stake holder, we can salvage

Joe:

-will provide information to Dan and Larry with the upcoming Toyota manufacture instruction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Larry thanked everyone for their Zoom participation and their input.