GST PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

PROGRAM: GST  DATE: May 15, 2012
PLACE: GST Classroom – 2109  TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Present:
Andrew Ang, Pacific Associates
Doug Carmichael, Westlund Auto
Jimmy Crallie, Toyota of Lake City
John Royce, Lynnwood Honda
Rick Shelton, Chuck Olson Chevrolet
Michael Yonkoske, Specialty Auto Care

College Representatives:
Betsy Binnian, ESL Instructor, GST Program
Mark Hankins, GST Instructor
Jacquie Ogilvie, Automotive Dept. Secretary
Janos Szablya, Instructor Aid
Bob Biesiedzinski, Interim Director

Introduction/Program Changes for Summer Quarter

Mark called the meeting to order and explained that this will be a short meeting to discuss changes that will occur in the automotive department over the summer quarter.

Mark will take over the Honda PACT classes for summer quarter for Bob Biesiedzinski. Bob is taking medical leave and is planning to return in the fall. Janos Szablya, who works closely with the GST program, will teach the program over the summer quarter. Mark will continue to manage the GST internship over the summer months.

Due to Bob’s leave, the NATEF recertification for the two-year programs has been delayed. However, we plan to continue with recertification over the summer months. Although the NATEF books for GST are nearly ready, Mark suggested that it would be better to certify GST over the next school year after the two-year programs have completed re-certification this summer. GST can certify under the new standards and the department will have more time resources to complete the certification. Since the GST program shares many of the same advisory board members, it will be better to delay the time burden on these members. Each of the two-year programs is now complete with the self-evaluation process.

Current Student Status
There will be ten students entering the GST program this summer quarter. Many have already found jobs for the summer but Mark encouraged the employers to be sure to call him for references when a GST student approaches their business for employment or internship experience.
New Course Outlines
New course outlines have been approved by the college curriculum committee and are now official. Mark thanked the committee for their input. He believes the new course descriptions and outcomes better define what is being covered in the GST program.

Equipment
In partnership with Snap-On Tools, the college has purchased a Snap-On (John Bean) alignment rack to go with the Snap-On donated alignment machine. This will help to ease the crowding in our Hunter shop and will be very convenient for the GST students to use.

We don’t attempt to make GST students masters of alignment. Instead, there is time for each student to do one or two alignments and to reinforce teaching of suspension, steering, and alignment fundamentals.

Mark thanked the committee for their good work and for taking time from their busy schedules to support the GST program.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Ogilvie
Dept. Secretary