



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE/TRI-VALLEY ROP AUTOMOTIVE ADVISORY BOARD

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016
6:00 pm to 7:30pm
Las Positas College, Room 817
AGENDA**

A. Introductions

Vicki Shipman called to order at 6:10pm

Members present: Bob Paredes – Snap On Tools; Brian McKee – Hunter Engineering; Brian Hagopian – Las Positas College; Don Danner – Granada High School; Ed Woodworth – TriValley ROP; Jeff Gill – Gil's Body Works; Kurt Shadbolt – Chabot College; Larry Weiss – Castro Valley High School; Sebastian Hood – Las Positas College; Terry Johnson – Las Positas College; Caryl Shill – Las Positas College; Darren Rees – Castro Valley High School.

B. Approval of Fall 2016 Minutes

Corrections: Kurt Shadbolt's last name spelled incorrectly, section F & G.

Motion: Terry Johnson

2nd: Larry Weiss

Vote: All in favor

C. High School/ROP Report to the Board

Granada High School: Reported by Don Danner, there are currently two classes (beginning class and advanced class) for the trimester; finds it difficult to achieve all student outcomes during the Spring because of outside class activities such as rally's, AP testing, etc. This year, his program received funds to purchase 2 more electrical trainers which will make a total of five trainers for the program.

Livermore High School: Reported by Ed Woodward, the automotive students took ASE student test for brakes with a majority of students passing the exam. Enrollment is low right now with 16 in the afternoon class and 12 in the morning class. The Body Shop class just finished painting a trailer for the Lyon's Club, the students also working on mail boxes as pilot projects, and they are working on a fundraiser with a 1970 Shasta Trailer that they are painting (vintage trailer).

Castro Valley High – Reported by Larry Weiss, currently there are 3 sections (2 beginning (30+ students) and one Advanced (20+ students)). Shared with the Advisory that Hunter engineering provided their program with new alignment racks.

D. College Report to the Board

a. Spring 2016 Enrollment

Brian Hagopian provided an enrollment document indicating that enrollment is running about 93%, down a bit from the past couple of years; and, this will be the last semester of the old classes. Beginning Fall 2016, the new classes will be in effect.

b. Fall 2016 Schedule

Brian Hagopian provided a verbal estimate of enrollment indicating that capacity is down to 140 students with three months remaining before the start of class; not concerned with enrollment short-falls. He was disappointed that the program lost one lab

Brian Hagopian shared a handout outlining the new classes that are now 100% approved through curriculum. The AS Degree and Certificate Degrees are complete. There was a minor snafu but the new Vice President Academic Services, Roanna Bennie is working on a resolution. Evidently, the college never had an AS degree in Automotive Technologies only a certificate.

Discussion:

LPC faculty shared about the reorganization at LPC, now 4 divisions versus 3 divisions, not hiring 5 faculty members and 1 dean; couple \$mil short with the budget; Automotive Technologies will be reporting to one of the new Dean's.

Gil asks why enrollment is low, faculty responded with the fact that enrollment follows the economic cycle; Kurt asks about the repeatability issues, Student Services at LPC has these classes flagged so that students may take classes over (e.g. lab class), gives the students ability to learn more.

12-15 high school programs in bay area left in greater bay area; many HSUSD's dropped their auto program, and are focused on a-g. High Schools are now relying on ROP programs for vocational education; Ed, said that one of his bosses announced that Auto was in the process of being a-g approved, going to be G approved, all ROP classes trying to be a-g approved, Caryl said that this is a movement to appease the parents.

c. Special Projects

Faculty have been invited to go to Village High School to speak about Automotive and Welding.

James Weston, Automotive Paraprofessional reported about some equipment items procured by Perkin's Act including: Meter Kit – this kit will certify students; Torque Certification Kit – Brian and/or Terry to get certified on this 3-day class as once the teacher is certified the student may be certified through online testing. This is the same with the Meter Kits. Equipment wise, the program is in a very good position which is important for NATEF certification.

Faculty announced the college administration wants things cleaned in and around their shop/classroom area. The issue is that they lost their storage room of 813 to the Welding department, Faculty plan to work on this over the summer. Lead in by Terry Johnson regarding the Bond:

Bond – Funding will be spent on security; go 100% solar; auto, welding, viticulture, public safety with a brand new building, \$945million, \$24.50 per \$100k valuation; Livermore, eliminate old gym and build new gym; need a bigger gym based on capacity of the school; delayed maintenance; infrastructure; \$45.00 per \$100k valuation.

NATEF Update – Curriculum is done so we can move on; with new courses, may start the process; do file cabinets, do self-evaluation, then gain approval from advisory, then apply, then site visit. Preference for ASE certified technicians. Goal is to have self-evaluation for Fall advisory meeting.

d. **Budget Management**

VTEA Funded Mini-Grant: CarTrain Hybrid and All Electric Vehicles Technology Trainer, similar to an A-TEC trainer, updatable, and will be available next semester

Discussion:

None

F. Recommendations from Advisory Board Members to the College

Larry Weiss moves to keep the Lab section to be offered for each semester and not at the expense of another class being dropped. Bob seconded; all in favor.

G. Other Business/Announcements

Work-Based Learning Specialists reaching out to employers to develop WBL activities for our students; Finding that employers are needing technicians; open to internships, field trips, guest lecturers, anything where students will receive hands-on training.

Discussion:

Brian – carousel of transition of Service Managers; seems to be typical; suggests that Caryl connects with Brian of Hunter to reach other employers; CarMax in Livermore will be an excellent resource; CarMax pays well, runs 3-shifts, and receive a flat rate.

Announcements:

Caryl announced about Gillig moving to Livermore in Fall 2017; 5/25 event.

Caryl – Tesla moving in Livermore close to the airport;

Kurt – will email Caryl re Crown Truck;

Kurt – 5-7% growth plus attrition is the goal for next academic year;

Brian – in the past, shop owners were really picky, now a days they are okay with recent graduates; this should help students find jobs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

H. Date for the Next Meeting

December 7, 2016

6pm LPC