



INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

AUTO SERVICE TECHNOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 08, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Central GA Tech, Macon Campus

Meeting Facilitator: Brett Colston, CGTC

Recorder: Alan Ashmore, CTC

Attendees: Toby Heard and Mike Powell, WTC; Ken Hardy, Brett Colston, and Lonnie Cook, CGTC; Seth Massey and Arnie Cobb, SCTC; Brandon Dean, SGTC; Chris Davis, Augusta; Dalmah Lute, GNTC; Will Fountain, Southeastern; James Miller and Stoney Burke, Albany; Ernest Pauley, GPTC; Kevin McCurry and Matt Moon, NGTC; Anthony Hobbs, Savannah; Logan Jones and Alan McDaniel, OTC; Alan Ashmore and George Belk, CTC; Brian Ford and Theartis Thomas, Atlanta; Larry Carr, CPTC; Barry Baker, WGTC; Arlen Hart and Jamie Bruce, Athens; Andy Lindman, GTC; and Steve Conway, TCSG.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Brett Colston welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Steve Conway passed around a sign in sheet as well as a listing of members of the ATP list serve. Steve asked everyone present to please make corrections, deletions, and additions to the list serve members as it was in need of a good update.

DISCUSSION:

The first topic was a discussion of the EV listening sessions from the fall. General comments made were that the adoptions of EVs seem to be slowing. Rivian is currently seeking plant employees for the assembly line and tech jobs are likely to be mobile as opposed to dealer or shop based. The number one item expressed by the group was that EV and hybrid training is needed by most instructors. The group quickly transitioned to the next topic which was the groups' thoughts on the future of auto technologies. The group agreed that hybrid power trains are likely to be the most common technology for the immediate future and that hydrogen technologies also still have promise. True EV technology will be better served when solid state batteries exist. The group then had a brief discussion concerning training. The OEM training has been limited in recent years and the group would like to pursue as much of that as is available. Brett and Steve agreed to reach out to OEMs in the state to see if training could be made available this summer and beyond. Anyone in the group with OEM contacts should forward to Steve and Brett. In the meantime, Steve stated that the xEV certification from ASE was very easy to access and affordable. The group then had brief report outs from the colleges teaching HEV1, EVP1 or any other related topics. Gwinnett does Ford, Chrysler and MB training with students and it is going well. Ogeechee is just

getting ready to start up the EVP1 TCC and lab preparation is underway. Savannah Tech is running a second round of EVP1 students this term and the instructors had gone up to Massachusetts to have EV training with ACDC. It is expensive but thorough. Savannah had recently invested in the CAT 1 gloves as well as electrical meters for milli ohms and high voltages. Southeastern is also running EVP1 students and they get their gloves and PPE from Cintas. Brett then asked the question if TCSG had any program changes coming for automotive. Steve explained that faculty would always be the originators and creators of auto programs and as such no system mandates would ever come to the colleges. The final topic concerned live work policies. Most programs do not perform live work. The few that do either have a flat fee for service or a modest hourly rate. Parts and supplies costs are always recouped. Before adjourning Steve was able to review the origination and basic content of the two standard TCCs for hybrid and EV repairs. Steve was expecting new ASE auto task listings to come out this spring. When they do he will send out on the list serve.

CONCLUSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Steve and Brett will contact OEMs for training opportunities once contacts have been received. Steve will send out a notice when the new auto ASE standards are released later on this spring.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Minutes Submitted By: Alan Ashmore, CVTC