



Honda Pact Advisory Meeting

Oct 26, 2023

Meeting Minutes

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

In attendance:

Marc Levick- SDM Acura of Bellevue

Curtis Wineroth – SM Acura Lynnwood

Arvin Merino – SM Honda Seattle

Oliver Rankin – SM Honda of Kirkland

Jason Takayoshi – SM Acura of Bellevue

Oscar Morgana – American Honda

Jordan Hernandez – American Honda

Rashawn Smith – Shoreline CC

Gary Fantozzi – Shoreline CC

Meeting started at 5:07pm

Rashawn thanked everyone for taking the time to come to the meeting.

Introductions were made.

Minutes reviewed and approved.

Current Status: 15 students in class, strong group, be on the lookout for students coming to your dealerships for internships, fall quarter is a heavy quarter. Rashawn will be sending students for winter quarter internship.

New quarter has started with a new textbook this allows instructor to track progress of students. Is heavy in electrical, looking at adding oscilloscopes to program. Teaching dual system Honda IDS systems.

Jordan explained the Honda Pace program, Honda has signed an agreement with Sno-Isle to allow students in high school program to get fundamentals and express certifications. Students would get ID# with prefix PX, this allows them to do Honda modules, come to Shoreline and test out with instructor. Honda wants to work with other community colleges to partner with Shoreline, leverage to provide a pathway into the PACT program. All in attendance agree this is a good idea to continue pursuing.

Oliver mentioned that high schools don't have auto and we need to have exposure.

Oscar asked for suggestions on how to choose top techs.

Honda is sending 7 new cars for the program at Shoreline, should be arriving any day.

Last year there were concerns there was not enough advertising for PACT, this year there is more focus on advertising.

Pact students are allowed to go to factory training after they complete the program, the 2-year wait is waved. Students graduating this year will come out with repair certification.

Arvin, concerns with balance of how many people come into the program verses how many are leaving the auto field, feels there is not enough to replace the needs of the dealers. Group express that the 2-year program is better program, 1 student in class, 1 student at the dealer allows continuity. Gary stated the college is working on flexible plans which may include night classes, 9-month plan based on high school adoption, going back to 2-year plan. Providing more access to Shoreline using the Light rail as Shoreline is looking to provide shuttle service between the station and campus.

Rashawn, spoke about providing more training on computers and IHDS and using PICO scopes.

Curtis expressed a need to find a solution for tools, suggested working with Tool trucks, Snap-on, Matco to provide financing to students. recommend dealer looking at toolboxes.

Rashawn asked dealers to make sure that there is a pathway for mentorship, don't need to be with senior master techs just someone to help and guide.

We are going to be seeing more Nuro-diverse students, not traditional techs, they will require a little more time of your mentors.

Gary Asked dealers for projected technician needs for the next year based on growth and or techs leaving. Acura Bellevue-4, Honda Kirkland-5, Acura Lynwood-2, Honda Seattle-0, (does not have space for more)

Next meeting tentative April 2024

Meeting adjourned 5:50pm