



American Honda PACT

Advisory Committee Meeting

April 11, 2024

Members Presents

Jordan Hernandez, American Honda

Rashawn Smith, SCC

Gary Fantozzi, SCC

Brandie Biering, SCC

Oliver Rankine – Kirkland Honda

Rich Gray – Lynnwood Honda

Oscar Morgana, American Honda

Matt Waygood, American Honda

Paula Sheldon, Haselwood Honda

Ryan Zieg, West Hills Honda

Robert Lachner, Rairdon Honda Marysville

Christopher Aldworth, Honda of Renton

Evan Reason, Honda of Seattle

The meeting started at 1:05 p.m.

Meeting Minutes were not available, will be sent out to be approved. Please respond with an approval or change once they are received.

State of the Program

- Spring quarter, we are doing engines, fuel and emissions.
- 10 ASE's have been obtained, please use these students for those repairs.
- Currently 6 students for next year
- If you have potential students, send them to Rashawn.

New from America Honda

- Taking top students from each school to Ohio next month. All paid expense trip to the manufacture. They get to see the wind tunnel testing. Hoping this will help with recruiting and inspiring students.

Students Concerns

- Rashawn did a post student survey. Rashawn will send out data from the survey once he gets it all together. One of the biggest things is mentorship. Technician work environment, advancement opportunities, cost of living, travel time, DPTS tech access.
- One of the biggest concerns is that the student is on the express rack and has not been assigned a mentor and has not been able to use the book work in the dealership. The students talk to other programs about what they each do in the dealership. The student sees that other students are doing more work in the shop with a mentor, and they are still on the lube rack. Previous students have expressed that when they finish the program, they have not had opportunities to advance at their current dealership and so they leave to somewhere else to get more opportunities. The biggest key is to talk to them and see where they are and not where they should be.
- Rich mentioned that they are trying to put them into the system slowly. Some students are afraid to ask for help. The students are a work in progress.
- Ryan has set up a 54-week program for their mentor ship with a 2-year contract. Both the student and the mentor have incentives for doing this. Some people have done well with this, and others have not.
- DPTS access issues, Rashawn has sent out a pdf file to all the managers. American Honda is working on this issue, with the social being replaces with asterisk, there is no solutions yet.

State of the Institute

- The last couple years have been challenging. We went to a new computer system. Mass people exited, and that has slowed down. There is more stability now.
- Honda received some money from a couple grants. One of the grants was only 1 year and was about \$90,000. We should be right at our goal to get 1 of the grants a couple more years, \$120,000. We have been replacing old tools with new ones with this grant. Our yearly budget is \$40,000 that we use for tools. The account we get to keep at the end of the year we are trying to save and use the other budgets instead.

- Back in August we had a navigator. But campus wide we eliminated that role. The school brought it back in December. But they do not do recruiter like they have in the past. The new navigator helps with retaining students. Gary helps with recruiting.
- The college is going through accreditation. The school must show how the instructor teaches the work. We in automotive use lab sheets so that helps us. The state is bringing in people next week to do the accreditation.
- Honda must go through ASE accreditation too. We need 3 people to come in and look over our paperwork to make sure everything we have is up to date. The paperwork is due to ASE in August. Then ASE will come to SCC to look everything over as well

Plans and development.

- Rashawn is using a new textbook. And is using MindTap. It's a good tool to see what the students understand. That will help with the accreditation. Along with figuring out what students need a little bit more help with understanding the subject. One issue with the textbook is that the publisher is not making hard copies.
- The past students would love a Honda PACT textbook. This will give the students an opportunity to OER (Open Education Resources). Rashawn has made videos for the students to be able to go back and look and when needed.
- The school is developing an automotive math class. The students need a math class to get their associate degree. It will be a math for automotive only.

Program updates and needs.

- SCC received a new fleet of cars. 10 2023 cars for the students to train on. It opens the opportunity to teach the new ADAS system.
- Next advisory meeting will be in October at the advisory kick off meeting with other advisory committees.
- If you would like to come in and see what the students are working on. If you have anything you need the student to learn, something specific, please tell Rashawn.
- American Honda is training only dealers on Prolog. American Honda doesn't have vehicles to give PACT schools vehicles for training.
- Please respond with approval with the minutes. Rashawn will send out last meeting minutes and DPTS PDF

Meeting end at 2:00 p.m.