VEHICLE BODY TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOLLOW-UP MEETING

June 20, 1997

Present: Rick Driscoll, Automotive Body Specialist
Dr. Carlos Olivarez, Dean, Academic and Student Services
Ruth Springer, Secretary

Date Recommended	Advisory Committee Recommendations	Follow-Up Actions
10/29/96	That the Auto Body Program be oriented to students who wish to get an associate degree and then continue their studies at a four-year college. In Process	 1a. Mr. Rick Driscoll will work closely with the Oakland Technical Centers on the redevelopment of the Auto Body curriculum, including an articulation agreement to provide graduates of those schools with advanced placement when they continue their studies at GCC. 1b. Mr. Driscoll visited Ferris State University and met with faculty regarding the redevelopment of the Auto Body curriculum and the possibility of a 2+2 transfer agreement with them. He will continue working with Ferris on this.
10/29/96	2. That OCC seek to hire a full-time instructor for the Auto Body Program. Not Approved	Dr. Carlos Olivarez requested campus and college level approval to hire a full-time Auto Body instructor. Approval was not received.
10/29/96	3. That OCC staff tour other campuses, such as Washtenaw Community College, Lansing Community College, and Alpena Community College, to observe successful Auto Body programs. In Process	 3a. Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Jim Rogers toured Washtenaw Community College's Auto Body facility. 3b. Mr. Driscoll plans to visit other community college facilities.
10/29/96	That OCC consider marketing its Auto Body Program through involvement in VICA competitions. In Process	Mr. Driscoll will work with Mr. David Hollinger to investigate the possibility of OCC involvement in the next VICA competition.
10/29/96	5. That OCC place emphasis in the Auto Body curriculum on instruction in part replacement, including the replacement of air bags, rather than on instruction in repair and rust removal. In Process	The I-CAR textbook is currently being used to provide instruction in such things as the replacement of air bags and plastic welding.

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10/29/96	6. That OCC consider including in the Auto Body curriculum courses that would provide instruction in interpersonal skills, computer skills, and oral and written communication skills. In Process	6. As a part of the curriculum revision proposal which he is putting together, Mr. Driscoll will consider the possibility of including courses that emphasize interpersonal skills, computer skills, and oral and written communication skills.
10/29/96	7. That OCC seek to obtain a mixing machine, a frame machine, and a vacuum system for the Auto Body Lab. In Process	 7a. Mr. Dennis Rivett, Mr. Don Lane, and Mr. Rogers have arranged for a frame machine to be placed in the Auto Body Lab on consignment. 7b. Mr. Driscoll is currently arranging for a mixing machine to be placed in the Auto Body Lab on consignment. 7c. Mr. Driscoll will continue to request funding for a vacuum system through OCC's capital equipment request process.
10/29/96	8. That OCC seek to obtain a prep deck for the Auto Body Lab. In Process	 8a. Mr. Driscoll will request funding for a prep deck as a part of next year's capital equipment request for the Vehicle Body Program. 8b. See no. 11.
10/29/96	9. That OCC seek to obtain new hand tools for the Auto Body Lab. In Process	9. The sum of \$1500 has been spent to obtain new hand tools, as well as \$1200 in air tool repair and refurbishing.
10/29/96	10. That OCC staff visit auto body shops, such as Fisher Refinishing or Collex, to see what kind of equipment they have and how they do their work, and model OCC's lab after their set-up. In Process	10a. Mr. Driscoll has visited Collex. 10b. Mr. Driscoll plans to visit Fisher Refinishing.
10/29/96	11. That OCC seek to develop business partnerships which could result in making equipment and other resources available for the Auto Body Program. In Process	 11a. Collex is working with Mr. Driscoll in an effort to obtain lab equipment through business partnerships. As a part of this process, they have created the Auto Body Vocational Education Roundtable, which had its first meeting at OCC on January 16, 1997. A career day for high school auto body students was held at OCC on May 23, 1997. 11b. See nos. 7a and 7b.

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10/29/96	12. That a business plan be developed for the Auto Body Program. In Process	12. Mr. Driscoll is currently working with appropriate advisory committee members to create a business plan.
10/29/96	 That a more effective co-op program be developed for the Auto Body Program. In Process 	13. Dr. Olivarez is working with Ms. Sally Kalson to bring the co-op program up to the standards of the National Commission on Cooperative Education.
10/29/96	14. That OCC seek NATEF certification for the Auto Body Program.In Process	14. Mr. Driscoll has obtained a copy of the latest NATEF guidelines and is putting together a curriculum revision proposal based on those guidelines as part of an effort to seek NATEF certification.
10/29/96	15. That I-CAR training be included in the Auto Body curriculum. In Process	15. Mr. Driscoll is investigating the possibility of obtaining the I-CAR Advanced Tech curriculum as a donation by Chrysler Corporation.
10/29/96	16. That interested advisory committee members work with Mr. Driscoll as a part of subcommittees to carry out various aspects of the needed program development. In Process	16a. See nos. 11 and 12. 16b. Additional subcommittees may be formed at the next advisory committee meeting to address additional program needs.
4/15/97	17. That OCC consider the possibility of requiring students to provide their own basic hand tools, possibly to be purchased a few at a time through student discounts as they advance through the program. In Process	17. Under consideration.

The next meeting of the Vehicle Body Technology Advisory Committee will take place on Thursday, September 18, 1997, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., in room T6. Dinner will be served at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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