



AUTOMOTIVE TASK FORCE

November 20, 1991

Present: Larry Bennett
Joe Burdzinski
Larry Pennefather
Bill Rose

Unfortunately, Tony Hildebrandt was not present for this meeting, even though the time had been discussed by the group and selected to fit in with his schedule.

The group discussed the disposition of the Automotive programs and the lack of enrollment in the Automotive Technology (AUT) program. Due to the lack of enrollment, it will be necessary to discontinue this program in its present form. It was proposed that a letter be developed and sent to all designated AUT students informing them that the program is being discontinued and suggesting that they come in for counseling and adjustment into a consolidated program to be developed and/or existing Automotive Servicing (ATA) courses. It is assumed that the AUT program in its present form will not be in existence or in the catalog as of 1992.

Larry Bennett pointed out the importance of retaining the AUT course code, since that is the designation used by other schools. Otherwise, students will have difficulty transferring their credits to other schools. The possibility was suggested of changing the course code of current ATA courses to AUT. This would require that a curriculum change be put through by the department.

In view of the impending discontinuance of the AUT program, Dr. Rose suggested possible options for the future:

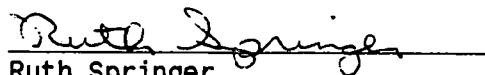
1. The ATA program could be retained in its present form, since it does have enough enrollment to support its continuing existence.
2. The AUT and ATA programs could be merged, with the cooperation of faculty members Tony Hildebrandt and Larry Bennett, who would develop a consolidated curriculum and take it through the college curriculum process.
3. A retraining model could be built for Larry Bennett within the provisions of the faculty contract.
4. Larry Bennett could develop, within the existing ATA program, an engineering option which would attract the necessary student enrollment.

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It was decided that this last option would be pursued. Larry Bennett and Larry Pennefather will work together on this project. They will develop, by the end of January, a position paper describing the ingredients of this option and the people it will attract. This position paper will be circulated for departmental approval. Dr. Rose will meet with Larry Bennett and Larry Pennefather to discuss this proposal.

The group will meet again on Wednesday, December 4, 1991, at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted


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