



AUBURN HILLS CAMPUS

Auto Task Force
Meeting

Minutes

March 30, 1992
4:00 p.m.
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Present:

Larry Bennett
Joe Burdzinski
Tony Hildebrandt
Larry Pennefather
Bill Rose

Larry Bennett submitted a revised plan for the merger of the AUT and ATA courses. Lengthy discussion followed, but the plan was not fully supported by Tony Hildebrandt. The concensus was that the two automotive faculty not coming to a full agreement left us with only two options: (1) continue plans to phase out the AUT Program or (2) submit Larry Bennett's merger plan, which would receive full support from Tony.

It was agreed to discontinue the AUT Program and provide partial load in the Auto Servicing Program for Larry Bennett. Larry thought that he should receive at least one credit hour of pay for all his developmental efforts during the past few months.

Larry Bennett's load for the 1992-93 School Year will include inload sections in ATA and ELT 101, with sections in CIS 105 on an overload basis. Larry has forwarded his schedule to Larry Pennefather. Larry Bennett also agreed to write a letter to the students who have designated AUT as their curriculum and advise them into ATA courses or assist them in this transition.

Bill Rose assured the group that a formal process will be maintained and guidelines followed in discontinuing the AUT Program. It was mentioned that other automotive training options will be explored with Ford, Chrysler and others as a means to improve and expand the automotive offerings.

Other issues:

An advisory committee has been identified and will be scheduled to meet in May or June, 1992.

Larry is still considering a retraining option; he is not sure in this case, but thought counseling would be a possibility. He will

notify Administration of his decision.

Larry Bennett was very concerned about (1) the continued dirty condition in the Auto Servicing Lab, (2) the lack of organization of equipment, and (3) the "eyesore" storage now in the Diesel area. He felt this presents a poor image of our automotive programs. Bill Rose will work with the appropriate staff to develop a plan for cleaning and organization--to be presented to the group no later than the end of April.

Attendance of the paraprofessional was also cited as a vital disturbance to the auto programs and contributed to the lack of organization and low morale of staff. It was suggested that a schedule of the paraprofessional's time be made available to the automotive teaching staff as well as be posted in the Lab.

The next meeting will be scheduled on May 11, 1992, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. to review the following:

- (1) Program adjustments
- (2) Annual Schedule
 - Larry Bennett
 - Tony Hildebrandt
- (3) Plan for facility improvements
 - Cleaning
 - Organization
- (4) Training opportunities with Ford and Chrysler
- (5) Other

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