

**Palm Beach State College
Automotive/Diesel Technology
NATEF Advisory Committee (NAC) Minutes
Wednesday – November 15, 2017
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room ETA 101**

ITEM 1. Welcome

Discussion: Thank you members for your participation.

Data Source Consulted: Discussion

Action: FYI

ITEM 2. May 17, 2017 Minutes

Discussion: The minutes were approved by Tim Calhoun and seconded by Rick Ruiz.

Data Source: May meeting minutes

Action: FYI

ITEM 3. Approved 2017-2018 Budgets

Discussion: Eligio presented data on the requested Automotive/Diesel budgets and what was approved by PBSC. Noted were increased expenditures in repairs/maintenance and data software.

Data Source: Slide Presentation

Action: FYI

ITEM 4. Automotive Updates

Discussion: Eligio presented data on the current student enrollment status by group.

After much time has passed, we have finally secured a vehicle with a manual transmission.

Eligio discussed the Subaru program and their donation of four vehicles to our program. Three of our instructors have been certified and thus far 15 students have achieved level 1 certification. Eligio highlighted that we are in discussion to become part of the Honda Pact Program. Ron Widdoss mentioned that Honda in Palm Beach County has employed approximately 20 graduates. Rick Ruiz mentioned that in Broward County the manufacturer sponsored programs are the GM Asset/Toyota/Audi programs.

Eligio discussed how building ETB and ETC have been re-organized and asked the members to view the new layout after the meeting. Sal Manuele mentioned that with this

reorganization Tom Lewis has been busy. Eligio mentioned that Steve Spencer has taken an active role in the building of engine/transmission trainers to be used by our students.

Data Source: Slide Presentation and discussion

Action: FYI

ITEM 5. Diesel Updates

Discussion: Eligio presented data on the current student enrollment status by group.

Eligio mentioned that PBSC is working with Lou Bachrodt to bring the Daimler Trucks North America for Freightliner program to our students and the benefits of this program. He noted this would be similar to the Subaru program we have in automotive.

Thank you to John DeMarco and Palm Peterbuilt Truck Center for the recent donation of a 2017 Paccar MX 13 engine. We will soon receive a 2016 Volvo engine from Volvo of the Americas over the road trucks. In addition, Charles Johnson is in the process of evaluating the donation of a truck with hydraulics, which would be very beneficial to our students.

Data Source: Slide presentation and discussion

Action: Charles Johnson to make a recommendation on the acquisition of the truck with hydraulics.

ITEM 6. Weekend College and CCE Programs

Discussion: Eligio mentioned that the approval for the 600 hour automotive/diesel programs discussed at the meeting in May, is temporarily suspended due to a moratorium on new programs which require financial aid assistance.

In order to best serve the business community and prospective students, Eligio presented data on new state initiatives that could be considered for evening/weekend implementation. He asked the members to give input on which programs would have the biggest impact on their businesses. They felt that the Electrical Technician and Performance Technician would be the most beneficial. A conversation centered on how the significance of electrical/electronic knowledge is critical to a technician and thus to their businesses. They stated this seems to be a weakness for many technicians. Also, discussed was the viability of a yearlong weekend program, the need for a good marketing campaign to attract prospective students and that the names of the programs need to be able to generate real student interest. It was mentioned to ensure that a Performance Technician program was focused on total engine performance and not a program for people who want to generate street rods.

Data Source: Slide presentation and discussion

Action: FYI

ITEM 7. Other Items

Discussion: Eligio stated the trips and/or NAC members coming here to talk to students is always welcomed. A trip to Lou Bachrodt is pending.

Eligio also reminded the members about the Facebook Alumni page and their opportunity to post employment opportunities on this page.

Data Source: Slide presentation and discussion

Action: FYI

ITEM 8. Next NAC Committee Meeting

Discussion:

Data Source:

Action: Mark your calendars – our next meeting will be May 16, 2018

Attendees:

Voting Members:	Company	College Staff
1. Matt Adkins (absent)	Land Rover Palm Beach	17. Don Kauts
2. Tim Calhoun	P.B.C. Fire Rescue	18. Americo Maciel
3. Michael Critchlow	Seminole Ridge High School	19. Eligio Marquez
4. John DeMarco	Palm Truck Centers	20. Steve Spencer
5. Ed Ehrke	P.B.C. Fire Rescue	21. Ron Widdoss
6. Mike Hougom	Pero Family Farms	
7. Glenn Kavanagh (absent)	Republic Services	
8. Alan Lane (absent)	PBSO	
9. Mark Laurie	Snap-on Tools	
10. Sal Manuele	Retired PBSC Associate Dean	
11. Nelson Martinez	Kenworth/Capacity of South Florida	
12. Pete Neal (absent)	Republic Services	
13. Rick Ruiz	Vista Volkswagen	
14. Don Ryburn (absent)	Matco	
15. John Slingerland	SFWMD	
16. Kenneth Slade	1 Stop Auto	

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