Program Review Final Report

For

Autobody

Submitted to

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by

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I. List of Team Members

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II. Analysis of Results:

A. Strengths

The reputation of the program is excellent.

Program enrollment is steady and the student population is diverse.

The graduation rate is steady.

Employments opportunities are available for graduates.

Students are offered the opportunity to obtain ICAR certification which increases their employability.

Instructors are dedicated and experienced professionals who work very hard at setting and maintaining high standards for the program. Each of them participates in professional development activities to stay current with changes in the industry.

The Advisory Committee is small but loyal and committed to the program.

Employers are happy with the graduates they hire and are very complimentary of the program and the lead instructor.

On the Graduating Student Opinion Survey, 100% of graduates responding to the question indicated they were satisfied with the quality of the program.

On the Currently Enrolled Student Survey, students indicated they are enthusiastic about the program, complimentary to instructors and 100% of student respondents indicated they are satisfied with the quality of the overall program.
B. Weaknesses

Facilities, although adequate for the program, prevents growth in the program. It also limits time students have for hands on experience.

The Advisory Committee has only four members.

C. Opportunities

Most of the program objectives in Strategic Planning on Line (SPOL) should be student learning outcomes. Assessments for the objectives should be made by individuals other than the instructor responsible for the outcome.

A shelter added to the back of the autobody shop would provide additional space for hands on training during all types of weather.

Lead instructor has an excellent working relationship with autobody shops and suppliers in the region. He has obtained a $10,000 sponsorship for toners to be used in the program.

Students are encouraged to take Automotive Technology in addition to Autobody to increase their potential earning power and employment prospects.

The curriculum was revised in 2006. However, as the industry changes to include more high voltage hybrids, more electrical courses will need to be added to ensure the safety of students when taking these vehicles apart for repair.

A new space if being sought for the downtown Autobody program as new construction may consume the current space. Although equipment is adequate in the current space, if the program is moved, a larger frame machine is needed in order to handle vehicles with larger frames.

Threats

Materials are constantly changing and getting more expensive. Budget constraints could restrict the purchase of supplies and other equipment needed to operate the program in the coming budget cycle.

The Burgaw Autobody facility has low enrollment and struggles because of a lack of support from the Pender County Schools.

The Pender County classroom is inadequate. There is nowhere inside the facility to work on a vehicle and there is only one restroom for all students and instructor, male and female.
III. Committee Recommendations

The team recommended that the college:

Continue program with the following recommendations.

Request the addition of a shelter for the Autobody shop during the next budget cycle.

Continue recruiting efforts for the Pender County program.

Continue to work with the Pender County Schools to update facilities.

Expand the Advisory Committee and try to increase diversity during the expansion.

Keep abreast of the progress being made toward a potential move of the downtown program to a new facility.

Shawn Dixon is commended for his leadership and dedication to the students and program.

Review again in five years.