Facilities Questionnaire
Auto-2011

What are the existing facilities issues that impact student access and success, or health and safety? (address any of the following: Size, location, conditions, maintenance, features, a/c, lighting, adjacencies, other.)

Pomo building 2 room 218 The Small Components Lab/Classroom was not built as it was designed. In its present design it is not a smart classroom, the only whiteboard is on a side wall and there is no screen for an overhead projector. Today’s students entering the program have a low mechanical and little knowledge of the automobile. The students are more visual and need to see it and touch it to learn. The diversity of the students includes first generation college students, students lacking basic skills, English as a second language students, students from different cultures, students who did not complete high school, students with GED’s, high school graduates, students with some college experience, and students with associate, bachelor and post baccalaureate degrees. The lack of a quality classroom reduces the students chance to complete the courses and succeed in earning a certificate or degree.
Department Chair Comments
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1. Please make any comments on, Student Access and Success, Facilities, Curriculum and SLO sections.

At the most recent Advisory Committee Meeting, it was agreed to change the skill certificates into certificates of achievement. This will have a positive influence on the number of graduates from the program.

2. Please comment on the Point of Improvement section.

I'd like to point out that in today's automotive repair shop, it is important for Auto Technicians and Auto Collision Repair Technicians to work together. For example, an Auto Technician, working in a dealership may be expected to remove an interior door panel or a bumper assembly (considered Auto Collision) while performing warranty work. On the other hand, a technician in an Auto Collision Repair facility may find it necessary to remove the front suspension when repairing a car sustaining front end damage. The two industries are growing closer together rather than farther apart and a growing number of students are electing to take courses in both disciplines.

3. Other comments

Other areas of concern needing to be addressed in Auto Tech are the cracked floors and improper countertop material. The floors need epoxy coating and the counter tops need an overlay of stainless steel. These issues should have been dealt with through the modernization process but have not been resolved. If the modernization funds do not cover these issues then the district will need to resolve these matters.