

**Carl Sandburg College**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Regular Meeting – May 15, 2007**

**Item**            17        Approval of Certificate – Automotive Customizing

**Institutional Focal Points/Goals**

I-A, II-C, III –A, IV-E, V-B

**Background**

The rationale for development of the Automotive Customizing Certificate (34 hours) is to respond to a need identified for a program to prepare students with specialized skills in automotive customizing beyond those taught in the current Auto Body Repair program. This Certificate should complement the Auto Body program and help support enrollment in the parent program. The Certificate will serve a burgeoning need for individuals skilled in the craft of automotive customizing, demonstrated by the growing local popularity of ownership of customized street rods/street machines. Program completers should have opportunities for employment with existing custom shops or to pursue entrepreneurial endeavors in this field. The program was developed with input from, and received approval by the Automotive Technology Program Advisory Committee at its meeting of December 11, 2006, and by the Auto Body Repair Program Advisory Committee at its meeting on February 15, 2007. Subsequently, the Certificate program received the support and approval of the Carl Sandburg College Faculty Curriculum Committee, Faculty Council and Faculty Assembly. This new Certificate would be added as a reasonable and moderate extension of the existing Automotive Body Repair AAS parent program. Per Illinois Community College Board requirements, prior to the submittal of approval documents for ICCB consideration, CSC Board of Trustee approval is required.

**Recommended Action**

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the thirty four hour Certificate in Automotive Customizing as attached, for submittal to ICCB as a reasonable and moderate extension to the Auto Body Associates in Applied Science Degree Program.