

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Electrical Power Technology Program

Tuesday April 5, 2016

5pm

Palm Beach Gardens Campus, SC149

ITEM 1. *Introductions*

Discussion:

Informal introductions and discussions with students about programs, lab equipment, internships, jobs, skillsets needed in the industry.

Action:

N/A.

ITEM 2. *EPT and ET State of the Program*

Discussion:

State of EPT and ET programs was presented with enrollment data, internship, graduation, and employment projections for current and following semesters. New lab equipment and software was presented as well. Update on curriculum action from the last meeting: all of the curriculum changes recommended by BPC at the last meeting have been approved by the appropriate College's bodies and are effective August 2016.

Action:

Current programs of tours, hands-on activities, and cross-discipline training will continue. Oleg thanked business partners for employing our students and graduates, and asked the industry to continue considering our students and graduates for their employment needs.

ITEM 3. *NSF InnovATE Grant*

Discussion:

Status of the grant activities was presented. Ana presented outreach activities – more than 1,000 students, teachers, and advisors were reached out by the grant. College hosted middle school Robotics Extravaganza competition. BEST Summer Academy registration is underway and we expect support from the industry partners in providing tours and engineers-speaker to the Academy. Ira presented new Contextualized Intermediate College Algebra course created specifically for EPT/ET students. Work on articulation agreements is underway.

Action:

Current activities on NSF grant will continue and BPC was willing to help in all efforts and host tours.

ITEM 4. *Student Success*

Discussion:

Team consisting of student Joshua Peralta, Shawn Kasinger and Jhon-Paul Singh was presented and their submission to NSF Community College Innovation Challenge. Student Gabriel Altman was recognized as EPT Academic Excellence Award winner, and student Pedro Borba was introduced as the speaker to the upcoming College's Board of Trustees meeting.

Action: BPC members and their engineering communities were invited to attend EPT Student Graduation Projects Presentations on April 28th.

Attendance:

Mike Barfield, Sikorsky

Sharon Long, Florida Turbine Technologies

Eva Suarez, Florida Turbine Technologies

Deanna Usiadek, Pratt & Whitney

Larry George, Pratt & Whitney

Xaviar Bennett, Pratt & Whitney

Dan Romero, Aerojet Rocketdyne

LaMargo Sweezer-Fischer, FPL

John Fischer, FPL

Greg Keller, formerly FPL

Ed Knuckles, formerly FPL

Joeliz Mejia, PowerWright Technologies

Jamil Newell, PowerWright Technologies

Suellen Mann, Palm Beach State College

Paul Slater, Palm Beach State College

Ana Szogi, Palm Beach State College

Roxana Melendez, Palm Beach State College

Ira Rosenthal, Palm Beach State College

Lilian Jordan, Palm Beach State College

Becky Mercer, Palm Beach State College

Oleg Andric, Palm Beach State College

Next Meeting Date: Fall 2016

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