

Electrical Power Technology Business Partnership Council Meeting

April 10, 2014 5pm – 6:30pm

Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Gardens Campus, BioScience Building, Rooms SC149/SC150

Present:

Ahmad Ababneh, FPL

Sharon Long, Florida Turbine Technologies

Xaviar Bennett, CDI

Barbara Goransson, Venergy Group

Corey Clive, Venergy Group

Brandt Deshotels, Venergy Group

John Fischetti, Sikorsky

Mike Barfield, Sikorsky

Susan Danny, Pratt & Whitney

Randy Parsley, Rocketdyne

Bob O'Dea, Motorola

Kyle Martin, FPL

James Auld, FPL/NextEra Energy

Joel Flores, Palm Beach State College

Rick Reeder, Palm Beach State College

Bob Van Der Velde, Palm Beach State College

Jay Matteson, Palm Beach State College

Oleg Andric, Palm Beach State College

Meeting started with informal presentation of new equipment that EPT program has obtained (wind energy trainer, and distribution double bus bar training system), as well as discussions on various lab equipment available to the program and its usage and application within courses. Various features and

capabilities of the new systems were demonstrated by Oleg and by a few EPT students present in room SC150.

Meeting proceeded with Oleg providing the overview of the program curriculum, program learning outcomes, and general state of the program. The Business Partnership Council was presented with the effects of the continuation of curriculum changes implemented according to the plan made at the prior academic year. Enrollment, number of expected graduates, and efforts to recruit more students were presented, in particular efforts to work more closely with School District. Oleg introduced three students (Andrea Trainor, Joseph Ancona, and Raymond Perez) who were recipients of the academic excellence awards for this academic year.

Oleg updated the council on the development of NSF ATE grant application and asked for the letters of support. Oleg presented plans for the new AS in ET degree as well. Business Partnership Council approved of the development of the new degree. Overall, BPC was content with the state of the program and were looking forward to hear more updates on the development of the new AS in ET degree.

Rick Reeder presented the offerings that PBSC has in area of industrial trades, and Joel Flores presented options for continuing and corporate education offered by the College.

Oleg thanked business partners for their continued support.