

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Electrical Power Technology Program

Tuesday December 1, 2015

5pm

Palm Beach Gardens Campus, SC149

ITEM 1. *Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony*

Discussion:

John Fischetti (Sikorsky Aircraft) and Sharon Long (FTT America) cut the ribbon for the newly redeveloped Engineering Lab. Oleg Andric thanked the BPC members on their support and their contributions to the Lab and Programs success.

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. New curriculum (certificates) were discussed as well as industry certifications (MSSC-CPT) which was received by strong support. Craig Mackiewicz particularly expressed strong support for CPT certification and for replicating student graduation projects in ET degree modeled based on EPT student graduation projects.

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. Extensive tutoring and support for existing students, outreach and engagement with high and middle school students (such as presentations to high school students, tour of high school students of industry and college, hosting middle school Robotics Extravaganza, etc), and creating articulation agreements with PSAV programs as entry and Bachelor programs as exit points was presented.

Action:

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

Attendance:

Tony Hartzheim, Agilis

Rob Von Stralendorff, Agilis

John Fischetti, Sikorsky

Curtis James, Sikorsky

Mike Barfield, Sikorsky

Sharon Long, Florida Turbine Technologies

Don Adams, PSM

Craig Mackiewicz, Lockheed Martin

Deanna Usiadek, Pratt & Whitney

Larry George, Pratt & Whitney

Greg Keller, formerly FPL

Daniel Kellman, Cyient

Patricia Murray, Cyient

Barbara Goransson, Venergy Group

Brittany Kiser, SECME/STEM Programs, School District of Palm Beach County

John Haymore, Quantachrome Instruments

Vincent Gruel, Water Utility District, Palm Beach County

Matahel Ansar, SFWMD

James Auld, FPL

Corey Ramsel, FPL

Jaimie Wright, PowerWright Technologies

Jamil Newell, PowerWright Technologies

Paul Roraff, Solar Tech Universal

Paul Slater, Palm Beach State College

Bob Van Der Velde, Palm Beach State College

Becky Mercer, Palm Beach State College

Roxana Melendez, Palm Beach State College

Oleg Andric, Palm Beach State College

Next Meeting Date: Fall 2015

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