

**Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

*Electrical Power Technology Program*

*Thursday April 26, 2018*

*5pm*

*Palm Beach Gardens Campus, SC149*

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ITEM 1.        *Introductions*

Discussion:

All members of BPC as well as guest introduced themselves with positions and companies/organizations representing.

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. Fall 2017 enrollment was 43% up over Fall 2016; Spring 2018 enrollment up 45% over Spring 2017. There was a discussion and praise of the skills and knowledge and quality of education that the students get in the program.

FETPIP data was presented for the last year available (100% employment with average \$52,076 starting salary) for the program, which showed the program with the 4<sup>th</sup> highest average starting salary in the college.

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.        *Curriculum Changes*

Discussion:

Curriculum changes for Electrical Power Technology and Engineering Technology programs that were approved at the previous meeting were approved by the college's Curriculum Committee and will be effective next academic year.

Action:

N/A.

ITEM 4.        *NSF InnovATE Grant*

Discussion:

Status of the grant activities was presented. Grant Manager, Sara Corvil, presented on the grant activities. We saw over 2,500 students, teachers, parents, administrators, and community leaders in the latest reporting period and talked to them about our programs. BEST Summer Academy is coming up and we are looking for the industry support as in prior years.

Action:

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

ITEM 5. *Student Success*

Discussion:

Students Alexander Burgess was awarded Academic Excellence award for EPT program. Eduardo Gilces was awarded Academic Excellence award for EPT program. Mario Chhan was awarded Renewable Energy Club leadership excellence award. Students Joseph Morel, Eduardo Gilces, Erick Martinez, Kevin Murphy, and Darren Ross were presented for their volunteering work in the community. They will attend SECME National Competition at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, representing PBSC.

Students Alexander Burgess and Mario Chhan presented their Solar Benches project with the City of West Palm Beach.

Action:

BPC members along with their engineering communities attend EPT/ET Student Graduation Projects Presentations following the meeting.

ITEM 6. *College President*

Discussion:

PBSC President, Ava Parker, addressed PBC and talked about the quality of education our students are getting and about ensuring that the businesses and industry have access to the talent with the training and education that they need.

Action:

N/A.

**Attendance:**

Dan Seidler, PowerWright Technology

Sara Beer, PowerWright Technology

Deanna Usiadek, Pratt & Whitney

Sharon Long, Florida Turbine Technologies

Eva Suarez, Florida Turbine Technologies

Dave Ohlschwager, Florida Turbine Technologies

Daksha Chokshi, Aerojet Rocketdyne

Brittany Kiser, School District of Palm Beach County

Jeff Parker, CrossMatch Technologies

Matt Matson, Solitron Devices

Catherine Barre, Parametric Solutions

Ed Knuckles, formerly FPL

Colin Jordan, Kimley Horn

Wendy Mundell, WUD of PBC

Steve Rowley, WUD of PBC

Chris Cavaleri, WUD of PBC

John Acton, WUD of PBC

Sara Corvil, Palm Beach State College  
Erin Sullivan, Palm Beach State College  
Dave Jenks, Palm Beach State College  
Roger Yohe, Palm Beach State College  
President Ava Parker, Palm Beach State College  
Oleg Andric, Palm Beach State College

**Next Meeting Date: Fall 2016**

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