

Engineering Technology Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2019 11:30am-12:30pm
CR-191, Clearwater Campus
Chairperson: TBD

In attendance: Matthew Smith, Susan Biszewski-Eber, Lara Sharp, Joseph Benavides, Karen Sommerville, Heather Disler, Mike Smith, Michelle Hintz-Prange, Mike Brewster, Susan Garrett, Jerry Custin, Stan Bryant

Not in attendance: Scott Talcott, Brian Bell, Greg Lewis, Lisa Maciolek, Steve Heppler, Ken Conforti, Chris Cain, James Sager

11:30am Welcome and Program Update

Ms. Sharp announced that two students were looking for internships in CAD and quality control. TSE Industries expressed interest in the interns and Ms. Sharp would share student information with Michelle Hintz-Prange.

The new Dean of Workforce Education, Michael Ramsey, was announced at the meeting. He will be invited to a future committee meeting.

11:40am METT grant/Workforce Institute/Apprenticeship updates

Susan Garrett represented Workforce Institute (WFI) and provided an update on the QRT (Quick Response Training) grant awarded to PowerTown and SPC to train groundsmen.

Dr. Garrett also updated the committee on the soldering program being developed in partnership with HEP, PERC, St. Vincent DePaul, and Raytheon. Raytheon (with help from committee member Lisa Maciolek) donated equipment for the lab being created at St. Vincent DePaul in Clearwater and EEI is assisting with curriculum. The goal is to open the lab for classes in Spring 2020.

The committee was reminded that WFI can assist with QRT and IWT (incumbent worker training) grants and the training can include WFI classes, METT classes, and Engineering Technology credit classes.

Susan Biszewski-Eber provided an update on the apprenticeship program. The College is a registered apprenticeship sponsor, which means SPC can help with the state registration paperwork, recruitment, and developing program RTI. Companies interested in developing an apprenticeship should contact Susan at biszewskieber.susan@spcollege.edu.

Lara Sharp briefly mentioned the Department of Economic Opportunity METT grant. The new grant manager, Chris Cain, could not attend this meeting. An updated information flier will be sent to board members. The grant has over 145 participants in both non-credit and credit courses. PowerTown students will take the grant's electricity/electronics course and a new OSHA-10 course.

11:55am Bachelor of Science Engineering Technology discussion

Ms. Sharp presented that her and Dr. Natavia Middleton have been exploring the possibility of offering a BS in Engineering Technology at SPC. Ms. Sharp and Dr. Middleton met with the program director at Daytona State College that has an ABET accredited BS in Electronics Engineering Technology. A good discussion occurred about the need for 4-year graduates in engineering technology in the area and whether the committee members would hire a 4-year graduate. The committee agreed that the next step is to complete a feasibility study by a third-party vendor. Lara Sharp asked the committee if it was willing to donate money to the Foundation to pay for the study and the committee asked for a "form letter" from the Foundation that could be passed on to the appropriate decision maker in their company. Ms. Sharp will speak to SPC's Foundation about the letter.

12:40pm New Committee Chair

Michelle Hintz-Prange from TSE Industries has volunteered to be the committee chair

12:45am Adjourn