



MINUTES
Engineering Technology
Nov. 1, 2021-Zoom

Date of Meeting:

Members Present:

Dean Bartles, Mike Brewster, Peter Cirak, Ken Conforti, Albert Craig, Michelle Hintz, Abdul Lateef, Dana LaVarn, Lisa Maciolek, Michael Smith

Members Excused: Jerry Custin, Donald Houdek, Brian Rogers, Matthew Smith

Others present: Joe Benavides, Dale Owens, Natavia Middleton, Marilyn Browne

Call to order: 12:02 pm

Previous Minutes Approved:

Accepted by consensus

Unfinished Business:

Schedule future meetings (Sid)
Set CC building open house (Sid) date
Provide summary states for publication (Sid)

Program Updates:

- Enrollment has declined from 100 students in 2020 to 60 students in 2021. This is due to COVID and some students leaving for four-year universities to directly enroll in programs.
- There is a new director, Dr. Sidney Martin.
- Production Systems Management Degree is available

Subcommittee Reports:

None

Student Update:

None.

Career Outreach Specialist:

Mr. Benavides let attendees know that their support is appreciated. He said that internship programs are active and that students can participate in placements. He mentioned that we do have students needing placement.

New Business:

Vision and Guidance – Looking for the advisory group to provide this guidance
Celebrating Engineers Week, volunteers/topics (engineering on display) Theme: Imagining Tomorrow
Engineering club – working on starting up the club
Tours – We would like to get students into facilities, especially during engineer’s week Feb
Internships
STEM Center – There is a planned outing at the STEM center on December 4th.
Collaboration Center – How do we engage the center better? Projects- Internships
Students looking for work – posting and sharing these
Funding
Active Learning
Engineering Technology
What should the future of the Engineering Technology program be? Are we meeting the local industry needs?

Industry Updates & Discussion:

- There was a suggestion that we hold meetings twice next semester and early in the fall of ‘22. A meeting at that time could decide to have a fourth meeting planned in fall ‘22
- The advisory board suggested having an open house at the CC building in early January so that the attendees could see the building and learn about programs.
- They have suggested that a blurb be sent to meeting members so they could advertise the Production Systems degree, Green/Black Belt courses, and METT grant.
- Internships are available. There was a request to ensure that students respond to internship and employment opportunities by interviewing.
- Rework Production Systems Management Degree to offer better-focused programs

Program Needs:

- The program needs advertising to support the Production Systems Management Degree and supporting Green/Black Belt certificates.
- We need internships. We would like to develop internships for in-house student guidance also. Internships are difficult in some cases due to COVID safety measures.
- Shelving needs were discussed (new shelving is in place)

Meeting Adjournment: Called for 1:00 pm
