

GCPTA Meeting – April 16, 2010 Nunez Community College

1. Meeting began at 9:15 am. Introductions were made by all attending.
2. Recognition of Nunez Community College as host for today's meeting
3. Presentation of January Meeting Minutes – meetings were distributed. Approval of minutes will be done via email.  
New Member - Walter Jackson of AMEC Natural Resources America was nominated by Dan Durham and seconded by Gary Hicks. Walter was voted in as a new member.
4. Present Recognition Awards – Evette Torres with Shell was recognized for her contributions to GCPTA. She has been promoted and will not be working directly with GCPTA directly any more.
5. Dr. Tom Warner – Nunez Community College welcomed us to their campus. GCPTA is the flagship that is followed for PTEC. Chalmette LA is the location of the Battle of New Orleans. He showed pictures of the campus post Hurricane Katrina. They are ringed by industry in this area. They wrote a grant with Tulane University to get equipment - among other pieces purchased a HOT (Hands on Trainer) unit for students to use.
6. Best Practice – Who DAT PTEC Best Practices – Nunez Community College – George Foret & Keith Tolleson, Nunez Community College . Students have strict dress code – ID Tags, PPE, Nomex Uniforms, no cell phones allowed. They each have a locker for equipment. The students are responsible for housekeeping. When students in lab they wear nomex, safety glasses, gloves. He passed out copies of the policies and procedures that students receive and sign off on at the start of each. Students required to complete 525 modules of self directed instruction from API before they graduate. Classes are 50% lecture and 50% lab time. To be eligible for external internship – have to possess a TWIC Card passed pre-employment testing, etc. Senior engineering students work with PTEC students – train them on the equipment they have. The school started a PTEC club for students to have interaction with each other. Students interact with employees in the Oaks club at Exxon Mobil.  
Nunez started a material handling & industrial maintenance courses to give the students more hands on experience. This fall will start a lab technician course. Class will be restricted to top students. For P& ID systems make them draw from memory and explain what happens, what the variables are, and how to control them. The student must learn the unit inside out. Make students be instructor for a day. They went over the equipment used. Generate work orders, perform JSA, fill out permits, and lock out tag out. Plants invite students to come tour plants in the area. Perform BOT for industry – does other specialized training. Host a job Fair each year. They are increasing the dual enrollment at high schools. Bharat Kamdar with Ingenious, Inc. had a presentation on the methanol plant they built for Nunez. He showed slides of the unit on its way here from India.

7. Part of the Standards and Quality committee includes recognition of Endorsed Colleges -2010 – There are two schools that are receiving their placks today are Nunez Community College and ITI College.
8. Finance Committee Report – the budget was approved and is posted on the website.
9. Membership Committee Report – Vicki Rowlett and Dan Durham – working on packets for membership. John L. from Remington College joined as a committee member. The cards that were handed out are for the workshop – please give these to anyone who may be interested in attending this event.
10. Curriculum & Education Committee Report – plan to kick off this summer to review the curriculum objectives in late June. Need the help of everyone to review these objectives before we begin to review the curriculum.

#### 11. New Business

- a. Instructor Skills Workshop – sessions are posted on website and a blurb each session. Please register if you plan to attend so that the proper amount of food can be order. There will be at least three options in each time slot. It is a great bargain for the price. There are still scholarships for registration – preference is to full time educators, then part-time educators, then industry. Short meeting in room 114 for the committee after lunch. Closing of workshop conference – will have Dr. James Kelley – education technology consultant for Apple will be talking on Millenials and new technology with relation to working with Millenials.
- b. The GCPTA participated in the review and update of Oil and Gas with the Texas Skills Standard Board (TSSB). Those standards will be presented to the TSSB at the May meeting for recertification. Many thanks to the following members who completed the work to review the 2005 standards.

Clint McAnally – Enbridge

Kelley Player – Stomaco Energy Services

Kevin Gibbs – Goodrich Petroleum

Barry Stanton – Shell Oil

Robert Martinez – ExCo Resources

Bill Priddy – ExCo Resources

Paul Knetsch – ExCo Resources

- c. Invitation to tour Nunez PTEC department – after lunch, which will be in the Gazebo out front.
- d. Bismarck College received a grant for smart grid technology – Dan Schmidt

- e. Houston Community College received a grant for 5 states for department of energy for solar energy; money is for professional development and equipment for partners. Larry Markey or John Galitos at HCC.
- f. HCC is submitting a regional energy grant for Texas, LA and OK. Contact Joanna Kile, John Galitos, and Larry
- g. Northern Oklahoa is submitting a grant in April for Troubleshooting in all energy sectors Contact Joanna Kile or Roger Stacy President of Northern Ok college

12. Upcoming events

May 19-21 Instructor Skills Workshop – Lamar Institute of Technology

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

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