

## **GCPTA MEETING MINUTES**

L'auberge du Lac Hotel – Lake Charles, LA

Date: Friday, November 11, 2005

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Steve Ames opened the business meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. There were 60 members and guests in attendance. Everyone introduced himself or herself.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes** – Minutes of the July 29, 2005 meeting were approved with one addition November 11, 2005.

### **Subcommittee on Rules/By-Laws – Mike Kukuk**

The following members were approved by the steering committee:

#### **Voting**

In-District                      Rachell Gold, Solutia, Alvin, TX

#### **Non-Voting**

In District                      Thad Borne, Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc., Port Arthur, TX

### **Welcome to Lake Charles, LA—Al Prebula, Vice President, Citgo, Lake Charles**

Gina Jones introduced Citgo Vice President, Al Prebula. Al spoke about the impact the hurricane had the production in not only the Lake Charles area but also the impact that both hurricanes had on the refining capacity along the Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi gulf coast. He went on to talk about the staffing needs for the Lake Charles area plants through the year 2010. He expressed his company's and that of the Lake Charles area industries' support for the PTEC™ program.

### **Introduction of the Keynote Speaker Larry DeRoussel, Executive Director-Lake Area Industry Alliance and Gina Jones, Westlake Chemical Corporation—Stacey Chiasson**

Stacey Chiasson introduced Larry DeRoussel with LAIA and Gina Jones with Westlake Chemical Corporation. Larry and Gina gave a presentation about the impact of LAIA and their efforts on PTEC education in the Lake Charles area.

### **Keynote Address— Larry DeRoussel, Executive Director-Lake Area Industry Alliance and Gina Jones, Westlake Chemical Corporation**

Larry DeRoussel and Gina Jones gave a presentation titled "LAIA and PTEC—A Partnership that Works". The presentation covered the LAIA (Lake Area Industry Alliance) and LAIA PTEC Advisory Committee—Industry and Education—a Great Partnership and Why the Partnership Works.

Larry explained the LAIA as follows: The LAIA is the Lake Area Industry Alliance, a non-profit association of the petrochemical plants and refineries in Southwest Louisiana comprised of 26 member companies. The LAIA mission is (1) to provide a forum to inform the public about industry issues, (2) to foster strong industry-community relations, (3) to build a positive business environment, and (4) to develop programs of common benefit to the member companies. The LAIA plant managers meet monthly. The standing committees that drive the LAIA are Communications, CAER, Environmental, Community Advisory Panels, and PTEC Advisory.

#### LAIA Accomplishments:

- ◆ Economic Impact Study, Community Surveys & Advocacy Program
- ◆ Web Site—www.laia.com
- ◆ Speakers Forum
- ◆ Community Advisory Panels
- ◆ Annual Paint Collection
- ◆ Ambient Air Monitoring Network (5 monitoring sites, 104 chemical compounds—results on public web site)
- ◆ Chemical Expo—Annual Event, 2,600 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, national recognition, 300+ volunteers
- ◆ CAER (Community Awareness Emergency Response)

- ◆ Children's Museum
- ◆ PTEC

Gina explained the LAIA PTEC Advisory Committee as follows:

The Mission of the Lake Area Industry Alliance (LAIA) PTEC Advisory Committee is to actively contribute to the growth and development of the area Process Technology (PTEC) program. The Committee Members are department heads from McNeese State University and Sowela Technical Community College and industry members from the training and HR functions of 9 LAIA member companies. The committee objectives are: (1) enrollment, (2) program audits, (3) review skills needed by process operators, (4) evaluate PTEC graduates, and (5) ensure continual improvement.

The 2005 focus of the advisory committee is as follows:

- PTEC Survey
  - Annual survey conducted by LAIA
  - Added 4 questions about operator jobs
  - 6,000 people surveyed in the Lake Area

Results:

- 71% agreed or strongly agreed operator pay is significantly above area wage.
  - 70% agreed or strongly agreed operators in plants have very stable careers.
  - 37% did not know or thought only a high school diploma was required.
  - 62% agreed or strongly agreed that operator job openings are few and far between.
- Educating our community on Post Secondary Education Requirements and the Aging Workforce and Approaching Gap.
    - Strategy is to get the word to as many people, as cost effectively as possible. The measures of success are to increase enrollment (by 25%), and to increase the number of graduates (by 25%).
    - Strategy in action includes (1) print and radio ads, (2) PTEC blitz events at area high schools, (3) high school teacher in-service, career connections, and PTEC Summer Camp for Girls. The measures of success are to increase enrollment in 2006 by 25% (prior to hurricane Rita, McNeese's enrollment was up 37% and Sowela was up 86%) and to increase graduates I in 2006-2007 by 25%.
  - Why the Partnership Works:
    - It's a Partnership
      - part-ner-ship: the state of being a partner: participation: a relationship resembling a legal partnership, usually involving close cooperation between parties having specified and joint rights and responsibilities.
    - Industry Profile: fast paced, \$ to make decisions, adapt to change, and supplier/customer
    - Education Profile: slower paced, \$ to transfer knowledge, change is slow, and customer/supplier
    - Reasons why the partnership works:
      - It is a TRUE partnership
      - Members are Decision Makers
      - Focused/Defined End Product/Goal
      - Committed to Each Other's Success
      - Active Participation

**Recognition of Endorsed Colleges—Dorothy Ortego (McNeese)/Ed Stiles (Lyondell-Citgo) Co-Chairs of Standards & Quality Committee**

Ed Stiles explained two criteria for a college to become an endorsed college. They are (1) the college advisory committee must meet four times a year and must successfully conduct an audit at least every 3 years. Ed then congratulated and recognized the new 14<sup>th</sup> endorsed college, Louisiana Technical College-Ascension Campus. Cleve Marchand and Terry Richard, LTC-Ascension Campus accepted the plaque presented by Dorothy Ortego and Ed Stiles. Pictures were taken.

Ed Stiles recognized the following endorsed colleges for completing the criteria to remain endorsed colleges: Brazosport College, Baton Rouge Community College, College of the Mainland, Lamar Institute of Technology, McNeese State University, Louisiana Technical College-River Parishes, Sowela Technical

and Community College, Texas State Technical College-Marshall, TX and Wharton County Junior College. These colleges received plaques in 2004 and will receive metal plates to be put on their plaques. Pictures were taken.

#### **Election of Officers—Steve Erickson**

Ballots were passed out to the “voting” members of the GCPTA and Steve Erickson opened the floor for nominations for GCPTA President and GCPTA Treasurer. Steve Ames, ExxonMobil, Pasadena, Texas was the only nomination for President and Ronnie Baker, ExxonMobil, Beaumont, Texas was the only nomination for Treasurer on the ballots turned in at the meeting and by proxy vote emailed to the voting members prior to the meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Steve Ames was unanimously elected President of the GCPTA and Ronnie Baker was unanimously elected Treasurer of the GCPTA.

#### **“Spotlight on Recruiting-“Just Girls” Presentation – Oscar Polk, Eastman Chemical Company and Bobby Smith, Texas State Technical College-Marshall**

Oscar Polk spoke about what they are doing to recruit females in the workforce. Oscar explained some of the misconceptions of PTEC and what can be done about recruiting. Eastman is working towards educating the pre-college educators, many who think a 4-year degree is the only way to have a successful life, their only experiences with technical education are the “bad kids” they send to their vo-tech programs and think that working in plants is viewed as “men’s work”. We invite them to the plants/technical colleges, explain that companies are genuinely interested in a diverse workforce, show them that females are successful as process technicians, explain the great pay and benefits offered, compare to a 4-year degree, and explain the jobs available. We get the information directly to them by setting up booths in school cafeterias, classroom speakers, field trips to plant site, advertising at movie theaters, sponsor sports teams, and have open houses for parents and kids.

We established a superintendent’s day to introduce them to the career opportunities in industry. Superintendents from eleven local school districts along with principals, CATE directors and counselors were invited to the plant site. Panel discussion with incumbent operations employees was held along with a tour of the plant to provide first hand opportunities to see the high technology involved.

Oscar spoke about their high school internship program and its criteria for participating. Oscar went on to relate the Eastman and TSTC participation in the CAPT STeP program for high school females.

#### **“Interested in Process Technology-Why/Why Not Presentation – Panel of Female PTEC™ Experts**

A panel of three female students, Pam Goodman, Paige Marcantel and Ashley Marshall, responded to questions from Stacey Chiasson. Pam and Page have chosen a career in PTEC and Ashley has not. For Example, when asked the question “What has been the most rewarding aspect of a career in PTEC”, Pam responded with the following: “I have realized how important our job is because it affords us the opportunity to offer our nation a product, the pay is very good, and I have control over the environment at work to make the job as safe as possible. Page responded to this question with: Very good pay, “Money is a big deal when you don’t have it and because of it, my family won’t have to endure some of things I have had to endure”. Page explained that her counselor introduced her to PTEC, and, at that time, she knew “this is what I want to do”.

Another example, when asked how they feel about working in a male dominated work force, they responded that they had no problem with it that they have been trained to take care of their jobs first.

#### **“Where Do We Stand”-Females in Process Technology – Stacey Chiasson, Career Builders**

Stacey made a presentation on females going into a PTEC career. She showed charts that demonstrated the wide gap between females and males in the PTEC program. She went on to present information about the gap in women and men’s wages and broke it down even further into the ethnic gaps and wages. Stacey also showed information on pay verses job satisfaction and where the market is for students who are likely to choose a PTEC career. She provided information on the education level of single mothers across the Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi gulf coast.

Stacey talked about the opportunity PTEC can provide for single mothers. PTEC affords single mothers and their children a better life style because of the pay and benefits.

### **Public Affairs Update – Ronnie Baker, ExxonMobil**

Ronnie Baker explained that the strategy of the Public Affairs Committee has changed. The original plan was to contact plant manager and HR managers by phone and tell them who the GCPTA is and what we do. This has been put on hold because the hurricanes have affected jobs, communities and homes. Plans are to develop a brochure pamphlet. They will be asking the advisory committees to distribute and explain what we have to offer to those in the communities who are “looking at our graduates”.

### **CAPT Update – Merv Treigle**

#### Skill Standards

- Chemical/Refining Process Technician and Oil and Gas Production Technician standards are now available online.
- The Pharmaceutical Process Technician work-oriented information has been collected at a number of companies in Michigan, Puerto Rico and New Jersey. Validation is complete.

#### Assessments

- Upcoming host sites for the chemical/refining assessment include:
  - ✓ Alaska – Kenai Peninsula College, University of Alaska – Anchorage, University of Alaska – Fairbanks
  - ✓ Texas – Alvin Community College, San Jacinto College-Central Campus
  - ✓ Virgin Islands – University of the Virgin Islands
- Decisions regarding the performance component of the assessment were made at the annual conference. The group was evenly split regarding the need for a performance component of the assessment.

#### Textbooks

- The Introduction to Process Technology textbook went to the printer on August 31. The book will be delivered in January 2006. Thanks to the Curriculum and Education Committee for their hard work during the past year and in the weeks to come. We could not be successful without you.
- CAPT has begun writing chapters for the HSE textbook. Reviews began in September. There is a need for education sponsors for the following chapters:
  - ✓ Chapter 18: Intro to Hazard Controls
  - ✓ Chapter 22: Administrative
  - ✓ Chapter 23: Permitting Systems
  - ✓ Chapter 25: Monitoring Equipment
  - ✓ Chapter 26: Fire, Rescue and Emergency Response Equipment
  - ✓ Chapter 27: Medical and First Aid

#### Professional Development Opportunities

- BP Oil and Gas Institute, Alaska – Faculty applications will be available in January 2006.
- 15 Faculty Internships: Applications will be available in January 2006.

#### Critical Issues and Best Practices (CIBP) Conference

- Was held October 19 – 21, 2005 in Houston, Texas
  - ✓ 119 attended the Training and Development Pre-conference
  - ✓ 170 attended the CIBP conference
- Training and Development Pre-conference workshop and CIBP session presentations are available on the CAPT web site.

#### Virtual Chemical Plant

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade math and science activities are now available at [www.capttech.org/vcp.htm](http://www.capttech.org/vcp.htm).

#### Program Survey

- The Trends in Education Program document is now available for download at [www.capttech.org](http://www.capttech.org) under Press Center and Surveys. Print copies are available for \$5 per document.
- The Short Program Survey has been sent out to all CAPT partner colleges. CAPT partner colleges have also been asked to fill out a new partnership agreement.

#### Other News

- CAPT has completed its survey of first-year process technology students to ascertain their motivation and influencers for enrolling. Thanks to those of you who participated. The final report from Noel Levitz is available at the CAPT web site. Noel Levitz mailed individual summaries of the results to participating campuses last week.
- In addition to funding provided to GCPTA specifically, CAPT will have funds available for:
  - ✓ 2 STeP Institutes
  - ✓ 2 Career Awareness Workshops
  - ✓ 2 Parent/Student Open Houses

For further information, please contact Joanna Perkins at [jperkins@com.edu](mailto:jperkins@com.edu).

- Debi Shoots is collecting nominations from each institution on one graduate who is a success story. These stories will be published as a collection in 2006. Please contact Debi Shoots at [dshoots@com.edu](mailto:dshoots@com.edu) for further information.
- Student internship and scholarship applications will be available soon. Once again, Debi Shoots and Joanna Perkins will be traveling to locations on the Gulf Coast to promote these opportunities. In addition, the student newsletter will be distributed in January 2006.

Joanna Kile spoke about the new “Monthly Math Mania” activities that are available for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to provide real world math problems for their students to solve. They will be able to submit the answer and will be provided a small prize. The “Monthly Math Mania” activity is located on the CAPT web site in the Teacher’s Corner of Virtual Chemical Plant at [www.capttech.org/vcp/mathmania/novindex.htm](http://www.capttech.org/vcp/mathmania/novindex.htm).

***For further information...***

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***Subawards – Steve Erickson***

Steve informed the attendees the GCPTA has \$40,000 for NSF Subawards from CAPT to be used in 2006. Email notices on the STeP Institutes and Career Awareness Workshops with applications have been sent to the membership regarding the subawards.

Steve noted that “Career Awareness” could include Open House Workshops and could include parent/teacher workshops, superintendent’s day, etc. and could be one hour to 2 days, i.e. no time limit. Also, these workshops are not limited to summer; they can be at any time of the year. Joanna Kile also said that the subawards could include activities like the Superintendents’ Day that Oscar Polk spoke about in his presentation.

Steve asked that the Advisory Committees urge their educators to put in applications for the subawards.

***College Advisory Reports***

**1. Texas State Technical University – Bobby Smith** reported the following:

- 22 students enrolled
- 0 expected graduates
- 0 students in Interns/Coops
- 10 students on scholarships

Comments:

Six scholarship students are first semester students, 3 of which are recent high school graduates (May 2005). Two scholarship students are females.

- New Equipment:

A total of 15 laptop computers with the latest Simtronics software have been purchased. This will improve our capabilities for training on process simulations. A small electric boiler has been

ordered. The boiler will be used to improve the training on steam generation and steam distribution.

- Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Met July 21, 2005  
Scheduled to meet October 27, 2005  
Hot Topics:
  1. Enrollment
  2. Co-ops
- Upcoming Events:  
Career Day on October 27, 2005

2. **Louisiana Technical College-Ascension Campus – Cleveland J. Marchand, Jr.** reported the following:

- 45 students enrolled
- 1 expected graduates
- 0 students in Interns/Coops
- 9 students on scholarship  
Comments:  
This year, eight scholarships were awarded from our local area plants. Five of the eight scholarship recipients are attending our college.  
The high school course is still going very well with a reduced number of students this year.
- High School PTech Programs:  
11 students participating  
1 high school participating  
Comments:  
This program is located at one high school, but draws students from four high schools.
- New Equipment:  
Simulation of the “Glass Labs”.
- Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Met September 13, 2005  
Scheduled to meet November 8, 2005  
Hot Topics:  
New Full-time Instructor  
Completion of “Glass Labs”  
Correcting Audit Findings
- Upcoming Events:  
Working on next semester’s scheduling of P-Tech courses and General Education courses.

3. **Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College – Tommie Broome** reported the following:

- 22 students enrolled
- 6 expected graduates
- ?? students in Interns/Coops
- 1 student on Scholarship  
Comments:  
Industry Partners-Chevron, Pascagoula Refinery and Mississippi Power are planning to offer a number of summer internships for 2006. Shell Offshore is planning to offer pre-employment testing on site soon. We graduated 4 students in May of 2005 and three are working with Mississippi Power and one with Chevron, Pascagoula Refinery. I have 16 new majors as of fall 2005.
- Student Organization Activities:  
Students are encouraged to join Skills USA.
- Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Met June 2005  
Scheduled to meet Fall/Winter  
Hot Topics:  
Summer internships and placement of graduates. Plans to meet have been put on hold as all Industry Partners recover from Hurricane Katrina.

4. **Alvin Community College – Mark Demark** reported the following:
- 100 students enrolled
  - 20 expected graduates
  - 1 student in Interns/Coops
  - 2 student on scholarships
  - Comments:
    - One student on Co-Op program at BP Refining in Texas City, TX
  - Student Organization Activities:
    - Student compositions: Male 92%, Female 8%; White 69%, Black 6%, Hispanic 23%, Asian 2%
  - High School PTech Programs:
    - 0 students participating
    - 0 high school participating
    - Comments:
      - Held a high school forum on October 24. Students from local area high schools attended.
  - New Equipment:
    - Free-standing drill press, grinder, and control panel for an instrument test panel donated by Innovene. Building a pilot plant (see attached [ACC Board Approves Student Designed Plant](#) article on website below).
  - Advisory Committee Meetings:
    - Met September 14, 2005
    - Scheduled to meet December 14, 2005
    - Hot Topics:
      - Election of Advisory Committee Chairperson
      - Presentation by Tim Brown “Advisory Committees”
      - Alvin Community College/GCPTA Industry Representatives Diane McGinn (Innovene) and Rachell Gold (Solutia)
  - New Best Practice:
    - Advisory Committee meeting notes and attachments posted on ACC Process Technology web page <http://www.alvin.cc.tx.us/DEPT/ProcessTech/AdvComm.htm>.
  - Upcoming Events:
    - Project Interview: November 8, 2005
    - Approve Vision, Mission and Objectives
5. **SOWELA Technical Community College – Linton Lecompte** reported the following:  
**(Linton stated that he is reporting post Hurricane Rita and did not have access to all of his records)**
- About 120 students enrolled
  - About 28 expected graduates in the fall and another 10 or 12 that completed during the summer semester for a total of about 38
  - 0 students in Interns/Coops
  - 0 students on scholarships
  - Comments:
    - We do not have any students in internships or on scholarships at this time. Several are scheduled to go out on internships in the spring semester.
  - Student Organization Activities:
    - Our students participate in our student government association and hold several positions (office).
  - High School PTech Programs:
    - 0 students participating
    - 0 high schools participating
    - Comments:
      - We do have a Tech Prep program, where students are allowed to earn dual credits (high school and college). Before Rita, we had several students, however they’ve since dropped.
  - Advisory Committee Meetings:
    - Scheduled to meet November 9, 2005
    - Hot Topics:
      - Recruiting High School Students

- PTEC Exit Exam
- New Best Practice:  
SOWELA Process Technology continues to ROCK after “RITA”.
- Upcoming Events:  
We’ve had a number of events postponed since Hurricane Rita. However, we’re continuing our recovery efforts. For example, we managed to get well over 100 of our students back in school. We are using our local industry facilities, with courses all across the board from freshmen to seniors—20 classes to be more specific.

6. **San Jacinto Community College Central – Mike Speegle** reported the following:

- 233 students enrolled
- 12 expected graduates
- 2 students in Interns/Coops
- 10 students on scholarships
- High School PTEch Programs:  
Comments:  
Consulting with Pasadena High School about dual credit courses.
- New Equipment:
  - Purchased a 10 gallon stirred batch reactor in October. Will connect pumps, instrumentation, and piping. Hope to have available for hands-on training by summer 2006.
  - Built and have working “tool trainer” unit which will be used to teach students how to recognize certain tools and use them to change out gaskets, filters, and valves on piping.
  - Updated web-site for process technology and brochure
- Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Met October 24, 2005  
Scheduled to meet November 30, 2005  
Hot Topics:  
Mike Speegle went on a BP sponsored oil and gas production externship for 11 days to Alaska. Department audit (technical program review) is due this year as is the PTEC audit. Dual credit courses between high school and college
- New Best Practice:  
Department held a female summer institute on June 10-11<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by Shell Oil. Twenty-three ladies attended, six enrolled in process technology at the end of the second day of the institute.

7. **Baton Rouge Community College — Michael Gunter & Jerry Layne** reported the following:

- 291 students enrolled (Oct 05 count)
- 13 expected graduates (Dec 05)
- 7 students in Interns/Coops (current)
- 27 students on scholarships
- Comments:
  - Desk & Derrick, a local business service club, awarded their annual \$1000 scholarship to student Joshua Bennett in October. Seven students applied.
  - BP-Castrol, Honeywell and Dow each had one active intern, ExxonMobil Plastics had two finishing. Dow added a lab intern, Placid added a refinery intern, and ExxonMobil Plastics is taking replacement interns in October.
  - BRCC Operations and Internal Internship classes are utilizing the River Parishes LTC PET unit (30 miles away) this term, cooperating with the RP-LTC instructors and students.
  - BRCC is currently using 6 PTEC Adjuncts to be partially replaced by an additional full-time PTEC instructor now being selected.
  - BRCC and industrial partner personnel are assisting in the new SH&E text development.
  - Twenty-seven students and local operators participated in the 10/28 Exit Exam validation.
- Student Organization Activities:  
Resurrecting a BRCC PTEC Club is in progress
- High School PTEch Programs:  
31 students participating  
3 high schools participating
- Comments:

East Ascension (17) students, West BR (14) students, East BR starts January.  
A record 6 females are active in the WBR program.  
EBR PTEC 101 students were awarded 4 of 6 available ExxonMobil scholarships in May.

- New Equipment:  
A fluid flow mechanics and flow measurement bench was added.
- Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Met October 27, 2005  
Scheduled to Meet November 22, 2005  
Hot Topics:
  - Internship availability for growing graduate classes. Currently need nine more.
  - Justification for a BRCC PET unit.
  - Incorporation of a required 4 credit hour E&P course in the curriculum.
  - Recruiting for growth to meet industry demand-activities of Richard Cox & Career Builders
  - Career Builders funding.

8. **Houston Community College NE – Kenneth Hernandez** reported the following:

- 84 students enrolled
- 9 expected graduates
- 0 students in Interns/Coops
- 4 students on scholarships
- Student Organization Activities:  
None
- High School PTEch Programs:  
Dr. John Galitos was elected chair of the Alief ISD Engineering Technology program.
- New Equipment:  
Distillation column, PLC controllers, boiler simulation unit – Hampden Engineering
- Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Scheduled to meet November 18, 2005  
Hot Topics:  
Program Improvements  
Planned Science Tech Building  
Articulations  
Energy Institute
- New Best Practice:  
GCTAP articulation platform is used by other programs to articulate with 4-year institutions
- Upcoming Events:  
Energy Colloquia  
Science Math Engineering Computer Expo 2005-November 10<sup>th</sup>, Northeast Campus, Codwell Hall

9. **ITI Technical College – Jack Baggett** reported the following:

- 85 students enrolled
- 20 expected graduates
- 4 students in Interns/Coops
- 1 student on scholarship  
Comments:  
We have had 1 student internship with BP (offshore) who was subsequently hired by BP  
We have had 1 student internship with Entergy who was subsequently hired by Entergy  
We have three student internships currently with Entergy
- Student Organization Activities:  
None
- New Equipment:  
ExxonMobil (Baton Rouge) just recently donated an old model plastic film extruder
- Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Met October 11, 2005  
Scheduled to meet March 2006  
Hot Topics:

Internships, Plant Tours, Donating Equipment; and visits to the college by important industry people

- New Best Practice:  
Nothing new this month
- Upcoming Events:  
Open House/College Day – 11/4/05

10. **Lamar Institute of Technology – Walter Tucker & Harry Wood** reported the following:

- 348 students enrolled
  - 22 expected graduates
  - 6 students in Interns/Coops
  - 27 students on scholarships
- Comments:  
Eastman Chemical of Longview has donated \$3,000 to LIT to begin a scholarship program. Project interview and Job Shadowing were cancelled this semester due to Hurricane Rita. Citgo interviews were conducted October 31-November 1. Eastman will conduct interviews and test on November 8-9
- Student Organization Activities:  
The OPT Club has a possible plant tour scheduled before the end of the Semester. There is also a fundraiser scheduled and they will participate in the Christmas Parade.
  - Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Met August 11, 2005  
Hot Topics:  
Our November 10, 2005 meeting was cancelled due to the hurricane. Meeting will be rescheduled for January or February.

11. **Del Mar College – Denise Rector** reported the following:

- 70 students enrolled
  - 5 expected graduates
  - 4 students in Interns/Coops
  - 1 student on scholarship
- Comments:  
Working on an internship program with Flint Hills to be in place in the spring, 2006, semester. Also in the early stages of planning for a possible female STep Institute in the summer, 2006. Investigating the possibility of partnering with the Chemical Lab Technology program.
- New Equipment:  
None
  - Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Hot Topics:  
The recent program audit work and suggestions are continuing.
  - Upcoming Events:  
Participate in the area career days for local high schools.

12. **Delta College – Joan Sabourin and Ron Good** reported the following:

- 50 students enrolled
  - 6 expected graduates (April 2006)
  - 5 students in Interns/Coops
  - 0 students on scholarships
- Comments:  
The college had four new co-op positions placed at Dow Corning Corporation. Two began in early September, one begins on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and another has been interviewed and informed that she is the top prospect for a co-op position beginning November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- High School PTech Programs:  
12 students participating  
6 high schools participating  
Comments:  
There are currently 8 first year students and 4 second year students. A more aggressive recruiting campaign is in the works. Ron attended a career-day at Midland Dow High School and,

through the cooperative efforts of the Dow Chemical representatives, received a lot of interest from the high school attendees. Delta College also had a Career Pathways day for local high schools. Over 3500 students attended and representatives from Dow Chemical and Dow Corning assisted in the promotion of the program and the career path.

- New Equipment:  
Dow Corning donated numerous valves, small instrumentation, and other items for a training session. The college graciously accepted the donations.
- Advisory Committee Meetings:  
Met September 13, 2005  
Scheduled to meet February 2006  
Hot Topics:  
High School and College recruitment, internship and co-op positions, and potential scholarships.
- New Best Practice:  
Beginning procedure to include Foundational Skills and PTEC Skills Assessment in college program.

### **New Business**

This being Veteran's Day, Steve Ames asked that all veterans stand up to be recognized. There were many in the room.

Gina Jones informed the attendees that Wayne Huckeba with Citgo in Lake Charles, LA, was voted the "Most Valuable Player" by the LAIA.

The Critical Issues and Best Practices Conference (CIBP) will be held October 4, 5 & 6, 2006.

### **Alliance Website**

- Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance Website [www.gcpta.org](http://www.gcpta.org).
- Center for the Advancement of Process Technology (CAPT) Website [www.capttech.org](http://www.capttech.org).
- Contact the GCPTA at [gcpta@msn.com](mailto:gcpta@msn.com).

### **Future GCPTA Meetings**

- *Friday, January 27, 2006 in Houston, Texas*
- *Friday, April 28, 2006 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana*
- *Friday, July 28, 2006 Someplace in Texas*
- *Friday, November 10, 2006 in Lake Charles, Louisiana*

### ***\*\*\*Other Events\*\*\****

***(CAPT) Critical Issues & Best Practices Conference  
South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center  
October 4, 5, & 6, 2006  
October 4 Training and Development Pre-Conference  
October 5 & October 6 Critical Issues and Best Practices Conference***

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Gragg, Secretary  
Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance

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