

## College of Technology – Site Coordinators Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Asnuntuck Community College  
170 Elm Street, Enfield, CT 06082

### ATTENDEES

#### CT State Colleges & Universities

Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Executive Director, College of Technology – National Center for Next Generation Manufacturing  
Wendy Robicheau, Assistant Director – National Center for Next Generation Manufacturing  
Sue Spencer, Program Coordinator, Gateway CC  
Mathew Spinelli, Director, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Manchester CC  
Mehrdad Faezi, Professor, Manchester CC  
Chuck Paulsen, Professor, Gateway CC  
Ren Sharma, Professor, Naugatuck Valley CC  
Lin Lin, Program Coordinator, Middlesex CC  
Steve LaPointe, Director, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Quinebaug Valley CC  
Sharon Lutkus, Interim Director, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Naugatuck Valley CC  
Nathan Donbrowski, Student, Gateway CC  
Joshua Asoh, Student, Gateway CC  
Yinghua Tang, Student, Gateway CC  
Matthew Orellona-Lascono, Student, Gateway CC  
Adam Eikleberry, Student, Capital CC  
Cora Derewonko, Student, Southern CT State University  
Diandra Dietrich, Student, Gateway CC  
Skylre Hine, Student, Gateway CC  
Joel Vale-Moran, Student, Naugatuck Valley CC  
Jana Brady, Guided Pathways Advisor, Gateway Community College  
Eric Flynn, Dept. Chair & Professor, Gateway Community College  
Jakob Spjut, Professor, Quinebaug Valley CC  
Jim Doran, Interim Engineering Program Coordinator, Three Rivers CC  
Keith Carter, Director, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Middlesex CC  
Matthew Enjalran, Professor & Chair, Physics, Southern CT State University  
Mary Bidwell, Dean of Advanced Manufacturing, Asnuntuck & Tunxis Community Colleges and Statewide Liaison, Advanced Manufacturing  
Rich DuPont, Interim Associate Dean – Advanced Manufacturing Centers, Northwest Region  
Luz Amaya, Professor, Central CT State University  
Steve Minkler, Dean, School of Engineering, Science, and Technology

#### Other College & Universities

Stephanie Gillespie, Associate Dean, Tagliatela College of Engineering, University of New Haven  
Ann Beheler, Executive Director and Principal Investigator of the National Convergence Technology Center  
Doug Pauley, Dean, Central Community College, (Nebraska)  
Chris Dennis, Professor, Columbus State Community College (Ohio)  
Jerry Muller, Instructor, Central Community College, (Nebraska)

#### Other

John Birch, Executive Director, MET<sup>2</sup> Program  
Marilyn Barger, Education Consultant, FLATE/FloridaMakes  
Diane Dostie, Evaluator, National Center for Next Generation Manufacturing

### AGENDA

- **Welcome Remarks - Wendy Robicheau, Assistant Director, National Center for Next Generation Manufacturing**
- **Attendee Introductions – All Attendees**
- **CT State Community College – School of Engineering & Technology Updates – H. Justin Moore, Dean, School of Engineering & Technology, CT State Community College**
  - Connecticut Community Colleges will merge and become Connecticut State Community College as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, but classes under CT State will begin in the Fall 2023 semester.

- Justin is overseeing Perkins for CT State along with Dean Jimmy Adams. They are working on a plan for the \$2-2.4M that we will receive as a system and how it will be distributed. They will develop a statewide advisory board for Perkins that includes industry. Send recommendations for members to Justin. Local advisory boards will remain in place and some of those members can be recommended for the statewide advisory board.
- Justin has been talking to companies about internships for engineering and technology students. There are 8 to 10-week internships available and many will offer full-time employment after graduation. Usually, they have to have completed their first year and have a 3.0 GPA for the internships. Pratt & Whitney sends employees to Penn State to complete a B.S. degree because of online availability, so maybe we can offer something like that in our system.
- Naugatuck Valley CC's ABET accreditation has been extended to the Gateway and Three Rivers campuses under CT State. Partial self-studies are due in October with site visits in spring.
- **MET<sup>2</sup> Project Presentations**
  - John Birch, Executive Director of the MET<sup>2</sup> Program, provided an overview of the program. Over 30% of the students have been female. 95% of students have gone on to B.S. degrees. Eric Flynn of Gateway Community College explained that these are hands-on projects that students have to research and develop themselves using technical and professional skills.
  - The three student teams presented their research projects from this semester.
- **Advanced Manufacturing Updates, Mary Bidwell, Interim Dean Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Asnuntuck and Tunxis Community Colleges & Statewide Liaison for Manufacturing Programs**
  - Last Friday was the Manufacturing Challenge. Quinebaug Valley, Housatonic, Asnuntuck, Tunxis and Naugatuck Valley Community Colleges had teams compete.
- **COT and NCNGM Upcoming Initiatives, Activities, and Important Dates - Dr. Karen Wosczyzna-Birch**
  - Sharon Gusky of Northwestern CT Community College is hosting a STEM Guitar Workshop. These workshops are no longer funded through the National Science Foundation but their curriculum is still available and workshops are still offered. Contact Sharon for more information about the workshop she is hosting.
  - Karen attended a Future of Work event in Washington, DC. Marty Guay, Vice President of Business Development at Stanley Black & Decker, attended as well.
  - Karen was part of the AI Delegation hosted by the German Chamber of Commerce in Berlin, Germany. May is AI month and Germany is setting up an AI campus. Ann Beheler, Executive Director and Principal Investigator of the National Convergence Technology Center, noted that new technology is not good or bad, it's about how you use it. We need to know how to use it appropriately. Marilyn Barger, Educational Consultant for FLATE/FloridaMakes, noted that some programs are using AI to help students with interview skills.
- **Tour of Asnuntuck Community College Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center**

#### Important Dates

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Summer Teacher Workshop - Virtual

July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – HI TEC – Atlanta, GA