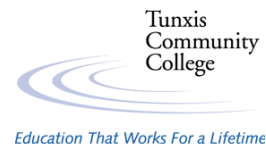




College of Technology Site Coordinators Meeting

Date: Friday, September 14, 2018 Time: 9:30AM
Hosted by: Tunxis Community College
271 Scott Swap Road, Farmington, CT 06032
Building: 600 Room: 6-374



CT State Colleges & Universities

Wendy Robicheau, Project Manager, College of Technology – Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing
Susan Spencer, Program Coordinator – COT programs, Gateway CC
Mary Bidwell, Asnuntuck and Tunxis Community Colleges
Peter Angelastro, Naugatuck Valley CC
Justin Moore, Naugatuck Valley CC
Mark Busa, Naugatuck Valley CC
Chuck Paulsen, Gateway CC
Sharon Gusky, Northwestern CT CC
Joe Duhaime, Director, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Housatonic CC
Steven Moore, Interim STEM Division Director, Manchester CC
Mehrdad Faezi, Professor/Program Coordinator, Manchester CC
Mobin Rastgar Agah, Program Coordinator, Norwalk CC
Joe DeFeo, Director, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Naugatuck Valley CC
Deirdre D'Amore, Naugatuck Valley CC
Hubert Godin, Middlesex CC
Eric Gribin, Tunxis CC
Michael Gentry, Program Coordinator, Three Rivers CC
Steve LaPointe, Director, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Quinebaug Valley CC
Jakob Spjut, Program Coordinator, Quinebaug Valley CC
Greg Szepanski, Program Coordinator, Tunxis Community College
Amy Feest, Tunxis Community College
Olusegun Odesina, Associate Dean, School of Science, Engineering, and Technology, Central CT State University
Matthew Enjalran, Chair & Professor, Physics, Southern CT State University

Other College & Universities

Laurie Granstrand, University of Hartford

Other Organizations

Taylor Van Antwerp, Talent & Workforce Director, CT Technology Council

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Welcome Remarks – Amy Feest, Interim Academic Dean, Tunxis Community College (TXCC)

- Tunxis Community College just started two manufacturing programs.
- She is learning a lot about the College of Technology and its value through implementing manufacturing using Asnuntuck Community College as a model.

Attendee Introductions and Updates

- All attendees introduced themselves.
- Taylor Van Antwerp of the CT Technology Council reported that they would like to connect with community colleges.

- Mary Bidwell of Asnuntuck and Tunxis Community Colleges reported that there are 15 students in each of the two manufacturing programs at TXCC. The machining program is using both Asnuntuck and Tunxis CC campuses. They are currently looking for staff and instructors.
- Peter Angelastro of Naugatuck Valley CC reported that he has moved to a faculty position in biology and Justin Moore is the new STEM Division Director.
- Mike Gentry of Three Rivers CC reported that they hired six new instructors in their department last May. All of their students are getting jobs, but are not staying to complete the program.
- Mobin Rastar Agah of Norwalk Community College reported that they began a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant this month, which focuses on increasing the number of females in their engineering program.
- Sharon Gusky of Northwestern CT CC reported that they have an NSF for a pathway from middle school to high school to college in partnership with Jackson Labs. College students are tutoring younger students.
- Jakob Spujt of Quinebaug Valley CC reported that they are working with Mike Accorsi of UConn to develop a special topics course that involves UConn's senior design course. They are also going to run a STEM guitar course.
- Steve LaPointe of Quinebaug Valley CC reported that their mechatronics program is filled at 18 students and their advanced manufacturing certificate is also filled.
- Joe DeFeo of Naugatuck Valley CC reported that they have 45 returning students and 18 returning evening students in the manufacturing program. There are also 18 students in the Danbury program. A new benefactor donated \$150,000 for scholarships for the Danbury Praxair program. There was 100% placement of graduates in the manufacturing programs seventh year.
- Joe Duhaime of Housatonic CC reported that this has been the manufacturing program's biggest year for enrollment. Three cohorts are filled. There is a manufacturing satellite in Derby. 67 students are in their College Connections Program.
- Deirdre D'Amore of Naugatuck Valley CC reported that they are starting to gear up for the next recruiting cycle. They will hold the first manufacturing alumni event on October 11th.
- Hubert Godin of Middlesex CC reported that they are looking to form partnerships with Vinyl Technical High School with different programs.
- Segun Odesina of Central CT State University reported that their B.S. in Cybersecurity has taken off and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering is out for approval.
- Matthew Enjarlan of Southern CT State University reported that the Center for Nanotechnology is up for renewal through the Board of Regents.
- Eric Gribin of Tunxis Community College reported that they are the only energy management program in the state. 19 students are registers for the program, but we need to recruit more. Looking into putting the curriculum online and partnering with other community colleges. There are no local 4-year institutions offering energy programs.

Discussion of BOR policy for Low Completer program and COT Pathways

- Programs are showing up as different codes among insitutions.
- The Board of Regents data is not always matching institutional data.
- Sharon Gusky of Northwestern CT CC has explained that the COT is the 13th college and those numbers should be pooled together.
- Site Coordinators need to discuss this with deans. The COT programs are legislatively mandated.

Discussion of new General Education requirements

- Look into having Intro to Engineering course count as the First Year Experience requirement.
- The new core of general education has been revised to a 21-credit minimum, which includes the FYE course.
- Explore how this works with the COT core curriculum and transfer pathways to universities.
- Explore transferability of FYE course to COT receiving universities.

COT-RCNGM Updates – Wendy Robicheau, Project Manager, COT-RCNGM

- East Coast Industry Forum – October 12th at UPWARD in Hartford. Taylor Van Antwerp of CT Technology Council explained that UWARD Hartford is a co-working space that wants to partner with community colleges and offers space for professors and entrepreneurial start-ups.
- Siemens Education Day – October 16th – Tunxis Community College
- Connecticut Collaborative Learning for International Capabilities and Knowledge (CLICKS): The CT Community Colleges' International Education Initiative (IEI)

Upcoming COT Meetings

October 19, 2018 – University of New Haven, New Haven

December 7, 2018 – To be determined

January 25, 2019 – University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus

February 22, 2019 – University of Hartford, West Hartford

March 22, 2019 – Central CT State University, New Britain

April 12, 2019 - University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport

May 17, 2019 – Northwestern CT Community College, Winsted

Important Dates

October 3rd – Deadline for [NASA CT Space Grant Consortium Fall Applications](#)

October 12th – German American Chamber of Commerce's [East Coast Industry Forum](#) at UPWARD Co-Working Space, 20 Church St., Hartford, CT – registration required

October 16th – Siemens Education Day – Tunxis Community College