



## College of Technology Site Coordinators Meeting

Date: Friday, October 13, 2017 Time: 9:00AM

Hosted by: University of Bridgeport

84 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Building: Arnold Bernhard Center (ABC) Building Room: Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. duPont III Tower Room



### MINUTES

#### Welcome Remarks – Neil Albert Salonen, President, University of Bridgeport (UB)

- UB formed 90 years ago for workforce development.
- China is experiencing a rustbelt situation also.
- Excited to work with College of Technology (COT) and it has the full support of the Board.
- The COT can count on UB for anything it needs. Housatonic Community College was just able to run a pottery class using UB's kilns.

#### Introductions – Gad J. Selig, Dean, Industry Outreach & Business Development & Senior Lecturer, School of Engineering, UB

- All attendees introduced themselves.
- A School of Engineering magazine, *Breakthroughs*, was provided to all attendees.

#### College of Technology - Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing Overview – Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Executive Director, COT-RCNGM

- The COT was created out of legislation when the community and technical colleges merged. It initially only included articulation agreements for the community colleges with UConn and Central CT State University then University of Hartford wanted to participate. The COT wants students to have all possible opportunities.
- The COT stackable credential model will allow the Engineering Science A.S. degree to articulate with UB engineering programs. The stackable model has two pathways, Engineering Science (calculus-based) and Technology Studies.
- The COT has received over \$20 million in National Science Foundation grants over the past 15 years.

#### Overview- School of Engineering & Graduate Studies & Research Division – Tarek Sobh, Senior Vice President, Graduate Studies & Research & Dean, School of Engineering (SOE), UB

- Electrical engineering gets a lot of international students.
- There are opportunities for undergraduate summer research.
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#### Overview-Electrical Engineering – Navarun Gupta, Chair, Electrical Engineering, UB

#### Overview- Mechanical Engineering – Joyce Hu, Chair, Mechanical Engineering, UB

#### Overview- Transfer Admissions - Diana Curley, Senior Assistance Director, Transfer Admissions, UB

#### Gad Selig, UB

- Awarded a CT Next grant for licensing center. Will also involve UConn. \$5,000 per college to join.
- Offering winter intersession and summer courses for the School of Engineering. Students can make up for courses that community colleges do not offer that are UB freshman/sophomore courses.

#### Tour of School of Engineering and Labs, Omar Abuzagheh, Assistance Manager, Computer Labs, UB

**Upcoming COT Meetings**

**November 10, 2017 – Tunxis Community College**

**December 15, 2017 – Fairfield University**

**January 26, 2018 – University of Connecticut**

**February 23, 2018 – Southern CT State University**

**March 23, 2018 – Central CT State University**

**May 4, 2018 – Manchester Community College**

**Important Dates**

**May 4, 2018 – Epsilon Pi Tau Induction Ceremony – Manchester Community College**