



College of Technology – Site Coordinators Meeting

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

CT State Colleges & Universities

Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Executive Director, College of Technology – Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing
Wendy Robicheau, Project Manager, College of Technology – Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing
Sue Spencer, Program Coordinator, Gateway CC
Stephen LaPointe, Director, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, Quinebaug Valley CC
Eric Flynn, Department Chair – Engineering & Applied Technologies, Gateway CC
Mary Bidwell, Dean of Advanced Manufacturing, Asnuntuck & Tunxis Community Colleges
Felisha G. Fleurimond, Recruitment/Retention Coordinator, Housatonic CC
Joe DeFeo, Director, Naugatuck Valley CC
Lin Lin, Program Coordinator, Middlesex CC
Jakob Spjut, Program Coordinator, Quinebaug Valley CC
Mobin Rastgar Agah, Professor, Norwalk CC
Sharon Gusky, Professor, Northwestern CT CC
Mehrdad Faezi, Professor, Manchester CC
Jordan Domkowski, Academic Advisor, Tunxis CC
Michael Gentry, Program Coordinator, Three Rivers CC
Elizabeth Allen, Professor, Three Rivers CC
Andre Freeman, Professor, Capital CC
Deirdre D'Amore, STEM Recruitment & Retention, Naugatuck Valley CC
Mathew Spinelli, STEAM Director, Tunxis CC
Miah LaPierre-Dreger, Dean of Academic & Student Affairs, Capital CC
Rich DuPont, Director of Community & Campus Relations, AMTC, Housatonic CC
Stella Litwinowicz, Assistant Professor, Housatonic CC
Tracy Ariel, Director, Manufacturing, Manchester & Middlesex Community Colleges
Crystal Wiggins, STEM DC, Northwestern CT CC
Matthew Enjalran, Professor & Chair, Physics, Southern CT State University
Segun Odesina, Associate Dean, Central CT State University
Lesley Mara, Director of Strategic Partnerships, CT State Colleges & Universities
Kelli Vallieres, President, Sound Mfg and Consultant, CT State Colleges & Universities

Other College & Universities

Laurie Granstrand, Graduate and Transfer, College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture, University of Hartford

High Schools

Cristina Stisser, Manufacturing Cluster, CT Technical Education & Career System

MINUTES

Welcome – Dr. Karen Wosczyzna- Birch, Executive Director, College of Technology-Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing (COT-RCNGM)

COT Curriculum Discussion/Votes

- Three Rivers Community College – Technology Studies: Data Science Option A.S. Degree Replication
 - This program was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion with TRCC. As presented, the program does not meet replication guidelines. The total number of credits is also a concern.

- Mathew Spinelli of Tunxis CC noted that the Data Science certificate and A.S. degree were approved for replication and will be implemented.
- Karen Wosczyzna-Birch thanked Crystal Wiggins of Northwestern CT CC for creating the parent program for Data Science since this is such an important topic right now.
- Capital Community College – Technology Studies: Data Science Option A.S. Degree Replication
 - Andrea Freeman and Miah LaPierre-Dreger presented the proposal. They did use a different CIP code since a new one was created that better describes the program. Andre is appreciative of the work that Crystal Wiggins did and is excited to implement the program at Capital.
 - Motion to approve the replication of the Technology Studies: Data Science Option – A.S. Degree at Capital Community College by Crystal Wiggins, Northwestern CT Community College; Motion seconded by: Eric Flynn, Gateway Community College. The motion was unanimously approved with no objections and no abstentions. The program replication was approved.
- Lesley Mara of CT State Colleges & Universities noted that Dr. Jane Gates, CT State Colleges & Universities Provost is coming up with guidelines with Merle Harris of the Board of Regents on how to implement new programs during the pandemic. Institutions will work with the Provost's office on this.

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

- There are still four AARP scholarships available for students who are over 50 years old and in a community college manufacturing program. Applicants must be willing to share their manufacturing success story with the COT-RCNGM and AARP. Rich DuPont of Housatonic CC noted that an AARP pilot program will be done at Housatonic CC and Asnuntuck CC for women in manufacturing.
- The CLICKs courses are still running in partnership with French IUTs. The COT-RCNGM received NSF funding for an international program with travel to France that is now on hold, probably until next year. The French Embassy has cancelled all of their summer bootcamps that were scheduled for this summer. Sharon Gusky had NSF funding to go to Germany in August and that will most likely be postponed. Her France trip in March was postponed. Travel will not begin again until at least January 2021.
- The Epsilon Pi Tau Induction Ceremony will be held virtually this year on May 1st at 6:00pm. A link will be sent out to everyone. Students still have the opportunity to apply.
- The COT page on the CSCU website is being updated. Wendy Robicheau will have access to update program links and contacts herself. Please keep providing suggestions.
 - Lin Link of Middlesex suggested COT be listed in the UConn transfer program page.
- A Coronavirus Resolution for COT Pathways is being drafted so COT partner universities accept the pass/fail grades and online courses.
 - Sharon Gusky of Northwestern CT CC received a document about UConn accepting credits. She is also on the crisis response team for coming up with solutions for running courses during the pandemic., especially for lab courses and summer courses.
- A list is being put together by the COT-RCNGM for online resources for teaching. Please submit any additional resources to be included. Lesley Mara from the CSCU System Office suggested sending the list to Kevin Corcoran, Executive Director of Digital Learning. Jakob Spuji of Quinebaug Valley CC is running his Intro to Engineering course online and would like anyone to share how they are handling hands-on portions of this course with online learning.
- Sharon Gusky has a manufacturing student who is a soap manufacturer and is working to donate isopropyl alcohol to make hand sanitizer. If anyone else has any available to donate, please contact her.

Next COT Meeting - Friday, May 15, 2020 – Virtual

Important Dates

STEM Guitar Workshop – July 20-24 - Asnuntuck Community College
 HI TEC – July 27-30 - Portland, OR