



Meeting Summary

FLATE INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, January 15, 2015

4:30PM – 5:30PM

**Sypris Electronics
10901 N. McKinley Dr.
Tampa, Florida 33612**

FLATE Participants:

Members Present

including call ins: Marie Boyette, Tina Brudnicki, Mark Gaudio, Richard Hyatt, Eugene Jones, Cliff Csulik, Maricka Rogers, Roy Sweatman, Janice Mukhia.

FLATE members:

Marilyn Barger, Brad Jenkins, Richard Gilbert, Danielly Orozco, Nina Stokes, Desh Bagley, Lourdes Fleurima, Phil Centonze.

Guests Present:

James Moore, Juron Wright, Richard Wettberry, Robert Saigworth, Mark Smith, Don Patz, Patti Gander, Steve Cerone, Joanne Kazmierski.

Members Excused:

Rob Adamiak, Eric McClendon, Terry Warner, June Wolfe, Margi Lee, Nancy Stephens, Dennis Battistella, Peter Straw, Sabrina Peacock, Sherry Reeves, Mike Ennis, Bruce Driggett.

Welcome and Introduction of Committee Members and Guests:

Debra Delise, Vice President of Engineering of Sypris Electronics, welcomed FLATE and gave a brief overview of the company and the engineering services they provide.

Tina Brudnicki, chairperson of the FLATE IAC, welcomed the advisory members, the call in members, and guests to the FLATE IAC Meeting. A Black Board collaborative web session conference call was provided by FLATE, in Tampa, for those members calling in from around the state.

FLATE Overview:

Marilyn Barger reported that the FLATE Industry and Education Awards Candidates, previously hosted by the Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF), will now be hosted by the Florida Association for Career Technical Education (FACTE) at their annual meeting under the

Industrial Manufacturing program session. The categories include the Manufacturing Secondary Educator of the Year, the Manufacturing Post- Secondary Educator of the Year, and the Distinguished Industry Service Award. This change will ensure sustainability for the awards over time.

Marilyn presented the data related to the 2009-2014 Florida Engineering Technology and Related Program Student Enrollment and Completion 5-Year Trend Study, indicating the increased growth of the Engineering technology degree enrollment over the past two years.

Marilyn also remarked on the new ET program and specializations being developed at the following colleges: Chipola College, Daytona State College, Lake Sumter State College; and the Florida Keys Community College. Eugene Jones, VP of Lake Sumter, provided an update on the new specialization, Protection Relay Technology. This program is in cooperation with Duke Energy that will provide equipment and internships for the college.

FLATE Evaluation:

Phil Centonze, FLATE's outside evaluator, provided an update of FLATE's Evaluation report using the Florida Sterling Model. Phil reported on the key strengths and opportunities related to the effectiveness of the measures used for the evaluation.

Manufacturing Association Updates:

Cliff Csulik, president of the Bay Area Manufacturers Association (BAMA), provided an update on the activities of the association. The MAF, the other Regional Manufacturers Associations (RMAs) , and Florida TRADE will participate in a statewide job fair April 22. BAMA sponsored three \$1000 scholarships for HS and post secondary students. The awards will be presented at the June meeting of BAMA. BAMA will also support the science fairs in both Hillsborough and Pinellas counties on February 4 and 7 respectively. The 24th annual golf tournament will be held at the Eagles Golf course April 13.

New Business and Open Forum:

With the National Visitation Committee (NVC) meeting scheduled for January 29-30, the NVC requested information as to what type of jobs and employment opportunities the ET graduates have received and where they are working. With graduation data difficult to gather, Marilyn has used three methods to contact the graduates: Survey Monkey; the Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP); and the alumni tracking through LinkedIn. Marilyn explained the process used in each of these methods.

Marilyn provided the latest update on completed and ongoing projects that included the following:

- FLATE Booklet highlighting the state colleges
- The 2015 college map indicating the present colleges and the new colleges that have adopted the ET degree.
- FLATE 2015 Robotic Camps at HCC Brandon and other sites around the state.
- FLATE is coordinating the MFG DAY 2015 for October 2, 2015.
- FLATE International Internship.
- Alignment of the Florida Machining curriculum frameworks to the NIMS credentials.

- New partnerships developed include the High Tech Corridor, Skills USA, and FACTE for the FLATE Awards and as a CTE Professional Development partner.

Mark Smith, Program Manager, Industrial Machinery Maintenance, Brewster Technical Center, is working to articulate skills and coursework from his program into the ET degree program.

Action Items:

The members will receive the link to the FLATE Wiki for all the information from the meetings presentations.

Date for next Industrial Advisory Meeting:

Next IAC meeting - Thursday, May 7, 2015, 4:30PM – 6:00PM
A tour follows the meeting

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM for the tour of Sypris Electronics with the SME Tampa Bay – Florida Suncoast Chapter 159. Well over 100 members, guests, and students participated in the tour that included the 130,000 sq ft manufacturing area, the encrypted equipment testing cell, and the cyber security training area.

Respectively submitted,

Brad Jenkins