

Report of FLATE Executive Committee Meeting #6 Action Items

Meeting date: August 17, 2011

Place: University of South Florida

Time: 11:37 AM to 1:00 PM

Attendance: FLATE Leadership Team: M. Barger, R. Gilbert, B Jenkins, and
P. Centonze (FLATE's NSF grant evaluator)
FLATE Executive Committee: R. Casto, C. Soto. S. Vittetoe. T. Brudnicki
Invited Guests: K. Holbrook, USF Senior V.P. for Research
J. Wienck, Dean College of Engineering

Note: Dr. Holbrook was unable to attend the meeting but was briefed at 2:00 PM by the Leadership Team.

Action Items

Meeting discussions were centered on specific action items which have been address.

- a) Renewal proposal: A renewal proposal for continued funding for FLATE has been submitted to NSF-ATE. Review of this submission will occur in December and notification of that review results will be provided in February - April of 2012.
- b) Continued effort to link A.S. E.T. degree to 4 year ABET Engineering programs: This effort continues with a proposal submitted by HCC to NSF-ATE to secure funds to support a cohort pilot group to take the appropriate E.T. degree specialization. If funded, students will be enrolled with expectation that they will enter USF's College of Engineering in the 2014 or 2015 academic year.
- c) Developing a unified view of technical and engineering education for Florida: Efforts continue with this objective at FLATE and the Florida Department of Education. A new initiative on this front is being developed in partnership with FLATE and the USF College of Engineering that will bring upper administrative personnel within the various components of the technical education spectra, The School District of Hillsborough County, The Brandon Campus of HCC, FLATE, USF's College of Engineering and USF's College of Education together to create an overall view of what this technical workforce focused integrated educational structure might be depicted. The aim would be to use this tool to coordinate how these various elements contribute to developing Florida's technical workforce. This effort has begun with the first phase being developed by FLATE and the Dean's office at the College of Engineering.
- d) Efforts with the NSF supported Iberian Partnership for Technician Excellence: This effort continues to gather momentum. Discussion with Harris Corporation continue with the objective of having working technicians from Harris that are also enrolled in the A.S. E.T. degree be included in student group that will study in Spain in spring of 2011. This project was reviewed with Dr. Holbrook to see where it would fit into USF's expanded global educational mission. Follow up discussion with Dr. Holbrook will occur during the last quarter of 2011.