

FORUM ON ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
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Florida Engineering Technology Leadership Council

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To the Engineering Technology Educator:

This is an invitation to attend the 22nd state-wide meeting of the Forum on Engineering Technology in order to address the issues concerning our field of education. St. Petersburg College is the host for this spring meeting. As you can see from the agenda, we have an important and informative program scheduled.

The Florida Engineering Technology Leadership Council and the Engineering Technology Forum was established in April 1997 at Seminole Community College. The membership includes the department heads and the leaders of the Technology programs in the State of Florida. (As a department head, you are automatically a member.)

Attached is the announcement and agenda for the two-day meeting. We will meet at the Clearwater Campus just off US Highway 19 on Drew Street at 8:30AM on Thursday, April 23. The theme of this meeting is the Technology Innovations. We will be making our recommendation concerning the Engineering Technology course prefixes and titles that were presented last September at SCC. The discussion will also include the new program initiatives in regards to power plant and alternative energy and the numbering system placement for those courses. We will also hear about some new NSF grants along with an update on the new technology programs that have been adopted around the state. On Friday, the advisory committee will participate in a roundtable discussion concerning the local industry and technology advances. The issues forum will provide the setting to exchange ideas, discuss program initiatives, as well as the opportunity to discuss the problems and concerns facing us in the technology related areas. On Friday afternoon, we have a mechanical tool measurement workshop as part of the FLATE Professional Development for Engineering Technology.

This Forum is open to all program chairs, occupational deans, and technical directors concerned with Technology and Technical Education in Florida.

We would also like to know how many attendees we can expect and request that if you haven't already, please contact me, either by email or telephone.

Thank you for your support for these Forums and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 23, 2009.

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