

**Fort Myers Technical College  
School Advisory Council  
Minutes of November 15, 2017 Meeting**

Present: Dr. Dante Ciolfi, Wesley Summerall (student rep), James Evans (student rep), Ron Pentiuk, Richard Stevenson, Nancy Redenius, Brian Mangan, Karrene Ragin, Thomas Fletcher, Tyler Patak, Judy Armstrong, Mareille Rolon, and Todd Everly

Guests: Dr. Brian Byrnes and George McDaniel

**Approval of Minutes - Nancy Redenius**

The minutes from the October 11, 2017 motion to be approved were made by Dante Ciolfi, seconded by Ron Pentiuk, and approved unanimously as presented.

**COE Exit Report** – Mr. Mangan gave a handout on the report given by the COE team. Very favorable comments given by the team for each standard. Two accommodations were given to the school. Mr. Pentiuk stated that most COE visits don't get more than one accommodation.

**CPL Data Preview Report & January Enrollment** – Dr. Byrnes gave handouts on the 2016-2017 COE Benchmarks for all programs. Overall average for the school was 82% for Completion, 91% for Placement and 96% for Licensure. The only program that was triggered was Applied Cybersecurity for a 38% completion rate. Administration will work with the instructor to complete an action plan to increase the completion rate. Shannon Woosley was instrumental in the CPL numbers exceeding the bench mark with her hard work. Health Science meeting the benchmarks were due to the hard work of Gabrielle Colom and Shannon Woosley reaching out on Facebook to track down information. Dante stated that Cybersecurity is a new program and students didn't always know what type of class curriculum was covered and it's only the second program in the state. Karrene asked why students have left the program prior to completion. Dante stated that they often leave to get jobs with only partial education. Tyler Patak asked if the pass rate was first time test takers and if they passed in the following year can you count them. Mr. Mangan responded that they are lost for COE report. January 2018 enrollment 113 registered with 7 programs full and a couple of others almost full. Registration continues to be healthy. Informational meetings are held every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and continue to have an average of 10-12 people each time. New Admission Specialist is Elaine Petrie; Valerie Clark has moved into Career Specialist position. She has attended many job fairs and college nights. An Open House will be held at FMTC this Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 p.m. James stated that Valerie Clark is very easy to work with. Judy Armstrong suggested that students be encouraged to stay in the program and utilize the FSW articulation agreement to get credit to advance their education.

**Campus Projects Update** – George McDaniel reported that lights and paint are completed prior to COE arriving. Washout from storm has been repaired. Financial Aide expansion in "C" building will start soon so students can access FAFSA at computers.

**Response to October Questions-** Mr. Mangan reported that the PSAV programs that we have are what we offer. CCTC and FMTC Medical Assistant programs offer the certification at the end of the program.

**District Advisory Council Update** – Dr. Dante Ciolfi reported the following business from the October 18, 2017 District Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting:

Board Member Update Mr. Steven Teuber noted the great turn out of attendance for October 18th meeting. Mr. Teuber talked about the News-Press article regarding the legislative platform and HB 7069. He talked about fund sharing between both the public and charter school system. He recommended that all DAC members look into the Florida legislation platform and the restriction of Title I dollars. Thirteen out of sixty-seven school boards in the state of Florida filed a lawsuit against the state regarding HB 7069. Essentially, legislation would put Federal money earmarked for school district allocation, in the hands of the state, which wants to allocate large amounts to Charter Schools and not subject them to the same scrutiny as public schools.

DAC Organizational Structure & DAC Elections Mrs. Cyndee Crosby, Chairperson shared PowerPoint Presentations on the Districts Advisory Council's Organizational Structure and Mission, as well as the District Advisory Council Chair and Vice-Chair roles. After the presentations, Dr. Denise Carlin took nominations from the floor for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Presentation 1 Mr. Greg Blurton, Director, Planning, Growth and School Capacity gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the 18-19 Plan for Student Assignment – PLC Recommendations.

Presentation 2 Trey Davis, Chief Information Officer, provided a brief introduction of the evening's topic, and introduced Dwayne Alton, Executive Director, Infrastructure Services and Brian Curls, Coordinator, Accountability, Research and Continuous Improvement. Mr. Alton and Mr. Curls gave an update on Castle 2020 and the Parent Portal. Mr. Davis gave an update on the restructuring of the Information Systems Division, as well as their priorities. Focus will be on Castle as the new Learning Management System (LMS). Transformation from the previous "siloed" approach to one of embedded interaction among divisions.

**The Way Forward-** Mr. Mangan asked for input from advisory members regarding moving forward for the future at FMTC. Handout was given on the Workforce Characteristics in Lee County with average annual earnings to look at possible new programs. The stated and reinforced sentiment was to:

- Double-down on bread and butter programs
- Look for additional opportunities, such as adding Barbering to our offerings as Cosmetology can accommodate with a small cost of startup and no need for an additional instructor
- Try one new program as then the risk is small – Solar and CNC were well received.
- Keep our bar high for our programs
- Talk to our instructors
- Talk to industry for their input.

**Other Business/Good of the order:**

On another note it was suggested that we:

- Invite Bill McCormick, former Director, as a SAC member.
- Keep our eye on C.O.E requirements and be ready for unannounced visits.
- Recommend Valerie reach out to the business Conditioned Air.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 21, 2018 7:30 a.m. in A-12.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 am. Thank you for attending!  
Submitted by,

*Nancy J. Redenius*

Nancy Redenius, School Chairperson