

## **MACHINING/MANUFACTURING ALLIANCE MEETING**

**December 15, 2006**

**8:30 a.m.**

**ECC South Campus Cafeteria**

### **Minutes**

#### **Charles Corluccio - *Opening Remarks***

- Mr. Corluccio thanked all for their attendance. He then introduced AVPAA Richard Washousky who addressed the group.

#### **AVPAA Richard Washousky - *State of the College***

- Pres. Bill Mariani is retiring and CFO Bill Reuter has been named acting president while the college performs a nation-wide search for a new president. Mr. Mariani has fostered the idea that the college must create partnerships and work with the community.
- We have successfully worked with the Metal Working Institute, and we will use this as a model for other programs.
- We are currently partnering with National Grid and National Fuel.
- Pres. Mariani and County Executive Giambra have recently been in the news talking about a consolidated campus. The College will retain a three campus environment but there will be a stronger presence at City Campus. Administration is looking to possibly move Allied Health programs and the Police Academy downtown.
- ECC currently has over 13,000 students, at least a 10 – 15 year high (possibly an all time high) for the college, while other community colleges have had declining enrollments.

#### **Nathan Witkowski - *New Schedule***

- ECC's AVPAA Washousky and AAD Mark Hoeber have made a strong commitment to the Industrial Technology Program at ECC. They have named Nathan Witkowski to a new full time faculty position in the department. The IT Department now consists of two full-time faculty, Paul Pietraszewski and Nate, with Paul Goodrich serving as Project Director.
- MMA meetings will now be held twice yearly to accommodate the busy schedules of our business partners. There will be one regular meeting

and one May Job Fair, which will be held at the ECC One Stop Center, BET Center, or ECC North Campus. We will seek our partners' suggestions as this date approaches.

- We will be communicating important topics via e-mail as they arise. This includes such items as resumes, college events, program communications, new classes, etc.

### ***PMA Grant***

- We received a mini grant from the Precision Metal Forming Association. ECC is also providing funding.
- 12 junior and senior high school students from Eden, Newfane, and Sweethome are enrolled and are some of the brightest, most enthusiastic students our faculty have had the pleasure to teach.
- Three high school Technology teachers and Nate Witkowski are currently teaching this course for six hours every Saturday. This will provide a seamless transition from high school to college.
- The class includes an introduction/familiarization with manual machining, speeds and feeds, and CNC machining/programming. Two plant tours to Elrea Industries and Staub Machine are included in the course. The students would otherwise never have a chance to see these kinds of operations.

### **Anne Lovelock - NFIEC**

- The Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council offers Career Awareness Classes for teachers, exposing them to area industry and making them aware that manufacturing is alive and well. Teachers, in turn, will pass this knowledge on to the students.
- Classes will run from January 9<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup> with ECC taking the first class. We would like to have some businesses host the teachers at their site.
- Contact Anne Lovelock for information at (716)821-7378 or NFIEC.ORG

### **Paul Goodrich - *Industrial Technology Progress Report***

- We currently have 70 active full-time students and many part-time/non matriculated students enrolled in the IT Program. There are 30 new applicants enrolled for the Spring 2007 semester. The best estimate of active students enrolled in our classes is between 100 and 150 students.

- There are three sections of students graduating from the 15 week-program in two weeks, and another 12 students graduating in January. We are currently seeking resumes from the students to be sent out via the list serve.
- MMA members are asked to send in your company's job postings. Most of our students find employment by looking at our job postings.

### **Joanne Colmerauer - *Academic Pathways***

- Joanne spoke about the Adopt a School Program whereby each manufacturer "adopts" one school to inform them of academic opportunities while offering one internship and possible scholarships. This is useful for recruiting students, informing teachers and guidance counselors. The goal is to have five participating companies work with various school districts. To date, three companies--Accellent, Polymer Conversions and Multisorb are working respectively with the Orchard Park, Depew, and West Seneca East and West school districts.
- Proposals include a possible plant tour and one article to appear in the school districts' new letter.

### ***IT Internship***

- This year Industrial Technology will again be running its internship over the summer as a recruitment tool. If any companies are interested in participating they should let Joanne know. This year we will be focusing on 2007 high school graduates rather than students who have completed our 15 week program. Individuals who have completed the program are highly desirable in the job market and are employed immediately upon graduation. High school graduates are good prospects for the IT program, and, if selected as an intern, will earn college credit toward their Fall 2007 semester course work.

### ***IT DVD Handout***

- There had previously been some discussion regarding the creation of a DVD to recruit students into the manufacturing/machining fields. We now have a DVD available that has been funded through a grant so we could not include companies in the project. However, it is a start, so please let us know what you think.

### **Open Discussion**

- Nate displayed some of the projects that IT students have been working on. Attendees were invited to take a look at them before leaving.

- MMA and NTMA member, Jay Cerniack, from Niagara Punch & Die, spoke about a \$500 scholarship the NTMA has funded for the IT Department. He challenges other groups/associations to do the same.
- Greg Gillis from ECC's Civil Engineering Technology Department asked MMA members to consider training opportunities in welding, electrical, HVAC, and industrial maintenance for his program's students.