

NEWMA Board and NEW ERA Board Joint Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
8:30 – 10:00 am
Fox Valley Technical College

Attendees: Jeff Anderson, Bonnie Baerwald, Ron Buchinger, John Dennis, Mark Kaiser, John Katers, Jim Koronkiewicz, Andy Leavitt, Susan May, Gary Miller, Paul Rauscher, Martin Rudd, Jeff Strenger, John West, Anthony Snyder, Linda Bartelt, and Ann Franz

Internship Draft Day

- Strengths – Focus on internships, interviews, broad range of opportunities, collaborative effort, Lambeau Field event.
- 2018 – Scholarships, expand NEWMA employers, ease of student registration, record number of students and colleges participating in the event (263 students and 20 colleges).

UWGB Update on Engineering

- The Board of Regents will meet in February 2018 on whether they will support UWGB in having a School of Engineering.
- Gary Miller requested manufacturers attend the Board of Regents meeting.
- \$8 million dollars has been raised.
- The STEM Innovation Center will be 63,000 sq. ft.

Engineering Technology

- Enrollments in Engineering Technology: 300+ students; Mechanical, Electrical, Environmental; About 30 – 40% of students are transferring from technical colleges.
- Degree Completion – Professionals receiving their Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology-1 Mechanical/1 Electrical and December ET graduates – UWO (4MET, 2EET)
- UWGB has an articulation agreement with Black Hawk Technical College.
- ABET certification is in process and should be awarded soon.

Brief overview of UW System Restructuring

- Overall the UW leaders at the meeting were very positive about the restructuring.
- The changes will not be implemented until the 2019/2020 term.
- 2 year campuses will be able to offer bachelor degrees.

Discussion on what other degree programs are needed?

- Do we need to look at new programs like Engineering Technology, and/or promote degree programs already offered but not enough students for the demand?
- The NEWMA Board members believe that employability/soft skills training is needed over a new degree program.
- There is also a need to train faculty on the importance of soft skills and how to teach it in their coursework.
- Jeff Anderson shared the need to add basic programming language into math courses.

Retired Worker Survey Results and planned Talent Risk Summit – March 7, 2018 Bordini Center

- Steve Trautman – Workforce Consultant, methods/training to support knowledge transfer and workforce retirement challenges.

Next meeting will be on January 3, 2018 from 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Gardan.