

NPC Energy and Industrial Technician Advisory Council

March 25, 2021

12p-1"30p

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Kevin Westfall, Peggy Belknap, Nicole Ulibarri, Matt Weber, Christopher Susag, David Krouse, Quinn Ashton, Robin Palmer, Jeremy Raisor, Jeff Lefevre

Note taker: Pamela Dominguez

Kevin thanked everyone for joining the Zoom meeting.

Safety Share: With the wet weather, Kevin reminded everyone be cautious of slippery surfaces.

Introductions were made.

Industry Updates:

APS: Most of our training is online now. APS shut down one of their units; they are down to two units. APS is not hiring.

Novo Power: Novo Power is running well; things are looking good for us.

TEP: TEP is hiring in different crafts. E & I side is hiring as well. TEP is having promotions through the ranks with people retiring. We have four more apprenticeships starting in May. TEP is trying to prepare for what will be going on next in their industry. They are putting together curriculum and working with post-secondary institutions to help give people the opportunity to put lines on their resumes.

NPC-EIT: NPC is in the middle of a presidential search; we have three candidates. VPLSS Clark has left the institution; Dr. Mike Solomonson will be the interim VPLSS till June 2022. Peggy Belknap is retiring as CTE Dean; Jeremy Raisor will be the new CTE Dean. EIT is working on their five-year program review. Low enrollment causes were mentioned. Our completion rate is high. Upcoming curriculum changes were mentioned. This is the last semester that Kevin will be department chair.

NCCER and Red Vector have green energy curriculum. TEP surveyed their employees and a high percentage wanted renewable energy training. Kevin wanted to know if a CP should be offered in renewable energy. Peggy wanted the partners to recommend what NPC should offer first. TEP is interested in wind and solar energy. A CP for a wind/solar technician was suggested. David recommended Renewable Energy Systems by Pearson publisher. TEP does not have any employees that could teach. Kevin has Klein Industries looking for curriculum as well. In fall, Kevin will get curriculum sent to industry so a 199 for renewable energy class might be offered.

Advisory Meeting date

Tentative: Thursdays, October 14, 2021