

INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

FIRE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Leader: Frank Flanigan

Recorder: Tony Faust

Location: Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, GA

Date: Monday, September 24, 2018

Time: 10:00 – 1:00 pm

Attendees: Frank Flanigan (Chair), Tony Faust (Vice Chair), Chuck Baird, Jeffery Hill, Sean Joiner, Karen Nowakowski, Eric Roney, Tom Smith, Amy O'Dell. **GUESTS:** David Kuipers (VPAA-SGT), Vanessa Wall (Dean-SGT), Gordon Henderson (Director, Ga FF Standards & Training Council), Britt Brinson (Compliance/Evaluation Manager, Ga FF Standards & Training Council).

AGENDA TOPICS

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Call to order; minutes	1004 hrs.; Minutes approved without revision
Election of new officers	Results: Frank Flanigan - Chair; Tony Faust – Vice Chair; Karen Nowakowski - Secretary
Curriculum Updates (Frank)	<p>We need to update all curriculums to reflect current standards and support the statewide effort by GFSTC to standardize course curriculums to improve course certification requirements and potentially obtain “state” certified agency status for compliant TCSG FRSC programs.</p> <p><u>Suggested updates discussed included:</u></p> <p>*1141: Replace in non-FF01 programs with Chemistry of Hazmat (1145?), or...</p> <p>*2141: Update curriculum to meet Incident Safety Officer. Frank... converted his 2141 course into Incident Safety Officer training.</p> <p>*2140: New course Pumper/Operator to be part of new Driver/Operator TCC...</p>
CANDO (Frank)	Frank presented Albany Tech’s new Certified Applicant Non-paid Development Opportunity Initiative (CANDO)... This is a recruiting and retention tool. Frank began this initiative also as a placement tool. While the student maintains school status, the department provides the work experience.
GFSTC Update (Gordon Henderson & Britt Brinson)	<p><u>Regional Testing System:</u> (Gordon) GFSTC has been working with TCSG’s Robert Keown to identify a Blackboard platform to facilitate online certification testing. At this point, FRSC IFCC members need to support this effort for their college to become a “certified” GFSTC testing site.</p> <p><u>Hope Career Grant:</u> (Gordon) Pending approval to add Firefighter-1 on list of qualified programs. Both state fire associations support it and, if approved, go to new Governor.</p>

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	<p><u>State FF Certification:</u> (Gordon) Coming requirements include an EMS component to meet hiring FD requirements as well as background checks.</p> <p><u>Statewide Fire Curriculums:</u> (Gordon) Effort underway by GFSTC to validate course curriculums that meet certification educational requirements. To help standardize fire certification training statewide, only one course/curriculum will be validated for each certification. Would like to see GFA adopt the same.</p> <p><u>Course Validations:</u> (Britt)</p> <p>*Tentative completion schedule: Hazmat Awareness/Ops – November; Fire Officer III/IV – December; Instructor-1 – Early 2019.</p> <p>*Two types of validations: “Internal” involve SMEs from GFA, TCSG, and other fire service personnel. “External” involve students and users/instructors.</p> <p>*”Based-on” versus “Meets:” Many textbooks are only “based” on standards. To help ensure student success when challenging certification evaluations, we must cross-reference our publisher issued lesson plans against the standard and adjust/revise as necessary.</p>
Open Discussion	<p>(Karen)</p> <p>*On October 19, there will be a ribbon cutting for Lanier Tech’s new 4-story live fire training tower in Oakwood. First day of class will be January 22nd. Asking for input on final specs from IFCC members.</p> <p>*Starting to build a Wildland Firefighter curriculum and requesting input or refer any Wildland SMEs to Karen.</p>

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No action taken		

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/NOTES:

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Meeting Adjourned: 1255

Minutes Submitted By: A. Faust