

Minutes October 2023 PTEC/Pre-Engineering Advisory Board

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Review of Current Programs
3. Discussion of Needs
4. Discussion of Opportunities for Students
5. Question about current hiring practices, i.e. how best to communicate with prospective students/employees.

During the meeting, Dr. Wood-Black updated those in attendance about the activities available to students at Northern Oklahoma College; she reported the following grant opportunities:

- 1) Expansion of Data Analytics Courses from the NASNTI Grant
- 2) Approval of the additional Wind Courses
- 3) Awarding of the Great Plains Center of Excellence Grant
- 4) Awarding of the NSF EPSCOR grant focusing on Rural Resilience
- 5) Continuation of the NASA MAISANE Grant.

She outlined that NOC is looking for adjunct instructors to support the PTEC and WIND programs and had just identified a new hire for the Enid Campus, Dr. Hatim Hegab.

She discussed the expansion of the use of drones and 3-D printing on the NOC Enid campus and was working with the ERDA to support aviation and aviation activities in the Enid area.

The remaining time was focused on potential internship opportunities and the needs of the local business partners. The main discussion is focused on how to communicate with potential employees, students, etc., about the opportunities available. This seems difficult for all, as normal communication outlets, social media, radio, and flyers have not been as productive in the past.