

MINUTES
Palm Beach Community College
Fire/EMS Programs
Partnership Council Meeting
July 21, 2009
2:30 PM

ITEM 1 **Welcome and sign in** – Vice-chair Rick Gass welcomed members and guests. Chair Tom McCarthy was unable to attend.

Discussion: None
Action: None

ITEM 2. **Public Visitor comments** – None.

Discussion: None.
Action: None.

ITEM 3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Discussion: Motion made and seconded to adopt.
Action: The agenda for July 2009 was adopted.

ITEM 4. **Approval of minutes -**

Discussion: Item 6 c). Information on Basic Wildland Firefighting was already added to minutes from April 2009 by Liz Carracher.
Action: Revised April minutes will be emailed to members. April minutes were approved.

ITEM 5. **Old Business** – Review and vote on adopting the FESHE model A.S. curriculum.

Discussion: Bob Brown gave handout of proposed changes to the A.S. in Fire Science degree and explained the changes would meet the standard that is currently used and will be adopted by colleges throughout the country. FFP2740 and CGS1100 will move from core courses to electives and be replaced with FESHE approved core courses. MNA 2303 will become an elective and the Math requirement will move from core course to General Education required course. The Gen Ed credits will change from 15 to 18 and the elective courses will change from 15 to 12 credits. The changes will help students who wish to enter the BAS degree program. Bob Brown thanked Val Williams for his work on this important student issue.

Action: Motion made by Vicki Sheppard to adopt changes. Motion was seconded and approved.

ITEM 6. Program Status/updates –

- a.) EMT – Doug Trawick gave the update. Graduation for the Summer EMT classes will be held August 5th, 7:00pm at the Eissey Campus Theatre. The Fall classes will start August 21st. He had 221 completed applications. New in the Fall term will be mandatory orientation on 8/5 and 8/6. For all accepted students. Per the state auditors, EVOC was removed from the EMT program curriculum. EVOC will be offered as a separate class by CCE, 4 sections have been scheduled in Fall term.
- b.) Fire Academy – Bob Brown gave update. The last CPAT was given today. State testing took place last week and he is waiting for the results. New curriculum is required to start in January 2010, but may be able to start in September. Construction has started on the new Fire/Criminal Justice complex on Lake Worth campus.
- c.) EMS/Fire CCE – Liz Carracher reviewed classes currently offered. There will be additional sections of LFTI Refresher classes in Fall. She will offer Segway training at PBGFR, more CERT classes, and instructor classes for AHA.
- d.) Fire Science – Val Williams is in Paraguay. Bob Brown gave a handout of EM certificate classes. Question asked if we will offer an AS in Emergency Management, and was advised that Val is currently working on this.
- e.) Paramedic – Shari Turner gave graduation date August 17, 6:30 pm at Palm Beach Gardens' campus and she is happy to have Vicki Sheppard as the keynote speaker. In Fall term Paramedic starts 3 new classes and has total 90 students. Shari shared that many of her previous students found jobs outside of Palm Beach County. Also she sent out an accreditation survey for CoAEMSP.
- f.) Clinical – Bruce Arbeit is waiting for funding for 10 video laryngoscopes. EMT students are getting good hands on clinical skills, live BVM and delivered a baby in the hospital. Paramedic students will participate in a disaster drill on July 29 at Boca Community Hospital and Palm Beach Central HS. At Clincon the Paramedic student team finished second in student competition. The EMS program is looking for a rescue vehicle.

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

ITEM 7. New Business – Associate Dean Cipriano advised that the PBCC board approved a name change, but, we have not been told what it will be.

ITEM 8. OTHER –

- a.) Bob Brown introduced Geoff Cooper, the interim Program Director Fire Academy, and gave background information on him. He has been a lieutenant with Delray Beach FR for 21 years, has been teaching in the Fire Program for 16 years and has an impeccable record. Bob is retiring as of July 30th.
- b.) Chris Brexel is looking for instructors for training “Back to Basics” in Palm Beach stressing safety. All departments are welcome.

ITEM 9. The next meeting date is October 20, 2009.

ITEM 10. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Attendance:	Liz Carracher	Bruce Arbeit
	Shari Turner	Sloan Grimsley
	Doug Trawick	Michael Landress
	Kathy Green	Christine Brexel
	Vicki Sheppard	Richard Gass
	Kerry Weiss	Geoffrey Cooper
	Robert Brown	Barbara Cipriano

Submitted by:

Jean Arthur, Scribe