Summarizing Report:
Organizing a Regional Forum for Engineering Technology

Funded Proposal for 2014 ECETDHA Mini-Grant

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Abstract:
The mini grant requested is used to organize a regional forum for Engineering Technology (ET), which was successfully held on Jan 30, 2015. The event attracted 26 representatives from 11 universities and 4 community colleges. The morning session focused on the sustainable development on the ET program, and the afternoon session was the panel discussion with the neighboring community colleges regarding transfer pathway. By leveraging this event, Texas A&M University System also organized a group meeting to discuss collective efforts and coordination on the future development of ET in the system wide.

Attendees:

- **Colleges:**
  - Austin Community College: Alberto Quinonez (Dept Head);
  - Blinn College: Megan Costanza (Dean);
  - Houston Community College: Bart Sheinberg (Center Director), Joanna Kile (Executive Director);
  - Lone Star College: Michael Young (Center Director), Ibrahim Elsamahy (Dept Lead);

- **Universities:**
  - Tarleton State University: George Mollick (Dept Head);
  - Texas A&M University: Walter Buchanan (former ASEE President), Reza Langari (Dept Head), John Criscione (Assistant Dean), Teri Reed (Assistant Vice Chancellor), Kenneth Poenisch (Associate Vice Chancellor);
  - Texas A&M University - Commerce: Eddie Oh (Dept Head);
  - Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi: Lea-Der Chen (Director);
  - Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station: Cindy Wall (Assistant Director);
  - Texas Southern University: Xuemin Chen (Program Coordinator);
  - University of Houston: Heidar Malki (Associate Dean);
  - University of Houston – Downtown: Weining Feng (Program Coordinator);
  - University of North Texas: Enrique Barbieri (Dept Chair);
  - West Texas A&M: Emily Hunt (Dept Head);
  - Prairie View A&M University: Kendall Harris (Dean), Shield Lin (Associate Dean), Paul Potier (Dept Head), Mohan Ketkar (Program Coordinator), Yonghui Wang (Program Coordinator), Yongpeng Zhang.
Agenda:

8:00 - 8:30  Check-in
8:30 - 9:00  Welcome
9:00 - 9:45  (UH) Proposed Doctoral Program for Engineering Technology
9:45 - 10:30 (UNT) Answering a Renewed Call for Action in Engineering Technology
10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 11:30 (Prairie View) Demographic Shift and its Affect on Higher Education
11:30 - 12:00 Social
12:00 - 12:45 Luncheon
    - Keynote Speaking: Background and Recommendations to NAE ET Education Committee, by Dr. Walter Buchanan, former ASEE president
12:45 - 1:00 Break
1:00 - 1:30  (Prairie View) Briefing of ET Program at PVAMU
1:30 - 3:00  Panel Discussion with Community Colleges
3:00 - 3:15  Conclusion of General Session
3:15 – 3:30 Break
3:30 - 5:00  Group Meeting of TAMU System Members

Budget:

The requested mini-grant $998.60 was used for the organization of the ET forum, its itemization is listed as below.

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Approved by the sponsor, the remaining $1.40 in addition with the internal matching $1,000 will be used to support PI's trip to attend 2015 ASEE conference.

Publication:

PI is now working on the publication writing to prepare a manuscript for Journal of Engineering Technology.