

**Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter
Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on: March 2, 2015**

The March 2, 2015 meeting was held at the Doubletree Hotel on Valley View Lane in Farmers Branch, Texas. Lunch was served beginning at noon.

President Scott Whinery called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM. Self-introductions were given by the members and guests present.

Old Business

1. Zach Arnold working on setting up a “cube” payment system so card payments can be accepted at meetings.
2. Fire protection engineering standards document - discussion pushed to following month.
3. Honorary memberships not discussed, discussion will continue when requirements are more clearly defined.

New Business

4. None.

Dr. Bryan Hoskins presented on the status of the fire protection program at Oklahoma State University.

President Scott Whinery adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Attendance List:

Jeff Heidelberg
Hal Key
Amy Porter
Roger Tate
Fred Toulmin
Allen Webb
Tom Wellen
Scott Whinery
Evan Wilson
Gary Wood

Introductions

Old Business:

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New Business:

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Presenter

Dr. Bryan Hoskins

Presentation:

Update on the fire protection program at Oklahoma State University.

Open Floor Questions:

1. Scott W. – Is there an IFC introduction curriculum? Bryan – This isn't in place now, plan for fire dynamics class is to pull in IFC references.
2. Roger T. – Will the engineering "technology" path be kept or will OSU move to an engineering degree – Bryan: This is a topic of much debate, the department head will make a difference. The engineering technology degree puts students half way to engineering certification. The program wants to continue to qualify students to take the PE while still offering the hygiene/safety side of the degree.
3. Allen W – Is earthquake design covered in classes? Bryan – It is touched on in sprinkler system design class.
4. How much focus is on business interruption/continuity? Bryan – Process safety – dump system, critical backups online, etc., management classes, wet chemical systems never tested, cleanup must be considered.
5. Roger T – Is fire and safety in one degree too much? Bryan – Yes and no. It is a balance, some subjects do not go into much depth, others are covered in depth.
6. Where are graduates of the program going? Bryan – Oil, ½ safety, all who want jobs are getting them, safety may be waning. Fire – handful go into fire service, only a few are doing this and most are part time, some are going into consulting, others into installation and design.
7. Are any international students attending OSU? Bryan – There are several students from the middle east (Saudi, Qatar) and several other international students in the program.
8. How are you encouraging career fair attendance? Bryan – It is 5% of the students grade, geared toward getting involved.
9. How many career fairs are there? Bryan – There are several, fall is the engineering career fair, spring is the university wide career fair.
10. What is the best way to recruit students from OSU? Bryan – Employers who come speak at OSU and employers who visit in the fall have the best chance to pick up high performing students.
11. What is the current Male/Female ratio in the program? Bryan – 90/10 guys/girls