Attendees:

Amy Clarke, Colorado School of Mines
Bryan Webler, Carnegie Mellon University
Emmanuel De Moor, Colorado School of Mines
Hani Henein, University of Alberta
John Speer, Colorado School of Mines
Tim McCrea, ArcelorMittal USA
Kelly Dallas, ArcelorMittal USA (Chair)
Kester Clarke, Colorado School of Mines
Kip Findley, Colorado School of Mines
Paul Sanders, Michigan Technological University
Ron O’Malley, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Staff:

Chris McKelvey

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Dallas, UIRR Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. All participants were invited to introduce themselves and their professional affiliations.

2.0 ANTI-TRUST GUIDELINES

Ms. Dallas referenced the AIST Anti-Trust Guidelines, which were attached to the meeting agenda.

3.0 COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

Ms. Dallas reviewed the purpose of the AIST Foundation University–Industry Relations Roundtable: to foster communication between our university network (professors and career services representatives) and the steel industry (human resources personnel and operations representatives). The committee objective is to increase the number of professors teaching a steel-related curriculum, and to increase the number of students interested in a career in the steel industry.

4.0 AIST MEMBER CHAPTER UPDATES

Midwest - Ms. Dallas briefly provided an update on the Midwest Chapter’s annual event for high school students, which just took place 4 days earlier. She indicated they had a slightly smaller group this year, but are looking forward to growing the program. They plan to do a chapter satisfaction survey (to/through the teachers who have attended).

Pittsburgh - Bryan Webler briefly commented on the Pittsburgh Chapter’s first meeting. He indicated there was a mix-up in the invitation sent out by AIST headquarters, so students did not realize they were able to attend for free. He scrambled and was able to get a handful to attend. He indicated the chapter plans to participate in the Carnegie Science Center “Science Days” event again in the spring.
5.0 REAL STEEL VIDEO CONTEST UPDATE

Mr. McKelvey gave a brief update on the 2017 student video contest. He indicated the theme selected by the contest committee for 2017 will be “Advanced Technologies in Steelmaking”. The deadline to apply is 31 October, with videos due by 31 December.

6.0 SUIT CLOSET

Ms. Dallas provided the group with information about a program that is being conducted at Missouri S&T called the “Suit Closet”. Suits and dress shirts are donated and stored on campus for any student who needs nicer clothing to wear on job interviews or when presenting at conferences etc.

She indicated that ArcelorMittal makes an annual donation of $500 to support the program, which is used to professionally dry clean/press the clothing, and to purchase dress shirts and necessary accessories. She would like to see the AIST Foundation offer funds to support such programs at other campuses. Mr. McKelvey recommended a formal proposal be submitted to the Foundation, to first see if such a program falls within the Foundation’s funding priorities.

Dr. O’Malley commented that he has interacted with a student who has benefited from the Suit Closet at Missouri S&T and thinks it’s a great program. He thanked ArcelorMittal and said that ArcelorMittal also routinely donates used safety equipment to the university. Mr. McCrea from ArcelorMittal added that it would be great to see a program supported by the Foundation, and that it would lend momentum for companies such as his to make donations like this. Ms. Dallas will put together a proposal for the AIST Foundation.

7.0 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS AND LUNCH

The group continued table discussions during lunch. Ms. Dallas invited that if any interesting discussion points emerge to please send them along to her. Dr. Henein asked if AIST could provide funding to support a “study tour” type activity being organized with Alavraz. Chris McKelvey invited hani to send him the details and he would see what support may be available (beyond the standard $300 in place for bus transportation).

Dr. Sanders raised a question regarding use of any remaining funds under the Kent D. Peaslee Grant. Specifically purchasing materials that would perpetuate any programs started under the grant into future years. Bryan Webler suggested that his impression is that the funds may be used for anything related to the grant. Chris McKelvey responded that the question should be posed to Lori Wharrey at AIST, who could provide the answer.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Ms. Dallas invited everyone to the next UIRR meeting scheduled for Monday, 8 May, 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. at AISTech 2017 in Nashville.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Dallas adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.