Information Technology and
Management Information Systems
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2014

Present:

- Dr. Steven Minkler - Dean of Academic Affairs
- Dr. Jonathan Morris - Chair of Science Division
- Professor Donna Hylton – Program Coordinator
- Rusty Nicola – Sr. Information Engineer – Travelers Insurance Company
- Dr. Karen Tracey – Chair, Computer Electronics & Graphic Technology – CCSU
- RoseAnne Vaughan – IST Department Head – Vinal Technical High School
- Cheryl Young – Database Report Writer – MIS Graduate – Connecticut Education Association

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Donna welcomed the committee members.
- The Academic Dean and Science Division Chair shared news about happenings at the college.
- Donna introduced the advisors and shared information on their professional backgrounds.

II. Program and Other Updates - Donna shared the following updates about the program:

- Her responsibility grew to include program oversight of:
  - Information Systems, Management Information Systems, and Health Information Management degrees
  - Help Desk, Software Developer, Networking certificates
  - Computer Science (CS*) application courses – 17 adjuncts & 1 student worker

- The Information Systems Renaissance is now complete
  - Phase 4: Curriculum modification – approved by BOR on March 16th
    - IS revised and is now ***Computer Information Technology*** **(CIT**)
      - New courses being offered fall 14: Alice programming, Network Security
    - Help Desk Technician, Software Developer, and Communications Networking Certificates were also updated

- Program Enrollment
  - IS/MIS/Certificates - Spring 14 = 50 & Fall 13 = 58

- Internship Placements Spring 2014 – Students were placed at the following:
  - Apex Technology – Network Engineer
  - Oddfellow Playhouse – Website Developer
  - Global Help Desk Services – Help Desk Support Technician
  - ESPN – Help Desk Analyst
  - Waterbury Hospital – IT Intern/ICD-10 Project Leader
  - City of Middletown – IT Intern

- Employment / Transfer Report Spring 2014
  - Microsoft Corporation – Sharepoint Technician – (employment)
  - Global Help Desk Services – Help Desk Support Technician – (employment)
  - Central Connecticut State University - (transfer)
  - (Many employed prior to graduation – CSC, GHDSI, ESPN, etc.)

- Computer Club – growing arm of the program
  - **Adventures in Learning** – *taught campers about computers*
  - **Ryan Woods Autism Foundation** – *refurbished computers for lab*
  - **Computer Clinic** – *diagnosis and repair event – service learning*
  - **Internship Fair** – *connecting students with internship placemen*ts
  - **LAN Night** – *computer gaming via local area network*
  - **Computer Giveaway** – *computers for needy students*
  - **Cross Street After School Program** – *refurbished computers for lab*
  - **Network Event** – *HIM and IT professionals*
  - **E-cycling** – *community service for e-waste disposal – partnered with Vinal's IST students*
  - **LAN Day** – *All day gaming for MxCC and High School student*

III. Input from Advisors

Dr. Tracey expressed support for the new CIT degree. CCSU created the Network Information Technology degree and this new program would be a good feeder.

RoseAnn Vaughan stated that the old IS degree had become 'stale' and the new degree will be a welcome change especially for students from the technical high school.

Rusty Nicola explained that Alice is a good language to transition students to programming. He shared that big data is a trend in industry.

Cheryl Young said that students need to learn soft skills for today's marketplace.

IV. Looking Ahead

- Students will have a dedicated space for Computer Club and hands on lab – Fall 2014

    - Ongoing computer workshop – possible revenue generator
- The Program Coordinator will embark upon a marketing campaign for the new CIT program
- Acquisition of mobile devices for classroom instruction