



Computer Science & Engineering -MINUTES
November 18th, 2024, at 2:00 PM
Zoom

Members Present: Katie Gonzalez (Committee Chair), Ping Identity, Sr. Staff Software; Victoria Mithoug, HP Inc, Cloud Product and Program Manager; Jake Marugg, HP Inc, Software Engineer; Johnathan Bunn, ICS, Software Engineer; Vargha Hokmran Diznab, Amazon Web Services, Cloud Support Engineer II

Guests:

Members Absent:

Labor Representative:

Clark College: Theo Koupelis, Dean of WPTE & STEM, Clark College; Izad Khormae, Faculty Lead, Clark College; Nicholas Macias, Instructor, Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College

The meeting began at 2:00 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on May 5th, 2025, at 2:00 pm.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on May 6th, 2024, were approved.

ETHICS TRAINING

Elizabeth conducted the Advisory Committee Ethics Training.

ORIENTATION TRAINING

Elizabeth conducted the Advisory Orientation Training.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Theo informed the committee of the latest State updates regarding employer versus employee representation. The program aims to welcome diverse voices within the committee. The program hopes to achieve equal representation and abide by ongoing changes.

Theo shared that the College welcomed Dr. Terry Brown the new Vice President of Instruction.
Theo shared that the College has reached its enrollment goals for the 2024-25 academic year.

BC CS, AST2-CS, AAT

Izad shared that the State has voted to eliminate the AST2-CS, but the program will have a 3-year teach-out. The program plans to use the new AAT-CS to fill the gap created by eliminating AST2. Izad discussed the recent updates within the program, and having an AAT established will be important.

Izad shared that BS CS is going through the last stages of accreditation. Until the accreditation is complete the program cannot advertise or conduct outreach for the Computer Science and Engineering program. However, the program can work with students and continue to work to advise as best as possible.

The program is collaborating with student services on various aspects, including financial aid, the selection process, and available courses. With a maximum capacity of twenty students, efforts are ongoing to accommodate the first cohort, manage the selection of students, and strategize for those who are not selected.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Izad shared that the program is seeking a full-time tenure track faculty. The program aims to create twenty-six new courses, and the search for a faculty member to create and design those courses is crucial.

Izad shared that the program received a National Science Grant to attract students with financial barriers that are preventing them from applying to the program. Currently, the program is recruiting, and applications are available now. If you know of any students in need of financial resources, please reach out to Izad or Tina Barsotti.

Izad announced that Tarek our former committee chair is now teaching Engineering 250.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jake nominated Katie as the committee chair, John seconded, and all unanimously approved. Victoria volunteered as vice-chair, Katie seconded, and all unanimously approved.

BYLAWS

The committee reviewed the draft of the bylaws. Katie motioned to approve the bylaws, Vargha seconded, and all unanimously approved the committee bylaws.

ACTION ITEMS

The committee will discuss and develop the work plan at the spring meeting.

INDUSTRY FEEDBACK

Izad highlighted the significance of industry involvement in supporting students' success, ensuring they are job-ready upon graduation.

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Izad discussed brainstorming a list of local companies in Portland and Vancouver that could be considered for potential industry partnerships. The program aims to develop strategies for further engagement with these companies. Additionally, the program is seeking guest speakers who can connect with students to discuss job opportunities and more.

Katie mentioned speed talks could be valuable for students.

Vargha mentioned that reserved internship spots (limited seats or not) could be beneficial for students. Additionally, reaching out to various companies to see if they are accepting student interns.

Vargha recommended that the program reach out to Women in Tech for student and industry member outreach to connect students with mentoring and interview prep.

Katie suggested adding these items to the agenda for the spring meeting.

Izad welcomed committee feedback at any time for local companies in Portland and Vancouver that they had in mind for industry partnerships.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores