Network Technology -MINUTES
October 9, 2024, at 3:30 PM
AA4 Room 203

Members Present: Eric Olmsted, Founder/CEO; Ryan Fanning, IT Specialist; Steve Bohling, Leads System Engineer; Eric Cowen, Network Operations Manager

Guests:

Members Absent: Brian MacKay, IT Manager; Sean Moore, Senior Project Manager; Michael Jaeger, Business Development Manager; Jim Schafer, AMR MFG Network Manager

Labor Representative:

Clark College: Dwight Hughes, Faculty Lead; Theo Koupelis, Dean of WPTE & STEM; Giga Alqeeq, Instructor; Josie Sullivan, Program Specialist; April Cannon, Academic Advisor; Kathy Chennault, Foundation; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator

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The meeting began at 3:32 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE
The committee will meet next on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 & Wednesday, May 21st, 2025.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes from the previous meeting on May 22nd, 2024, May 24th, 2022, and March 1st, 2023, were approved.

ETHICS TRAINING
Elizabeth conducted the annual Advisory Committee Ethics Training.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORIENTATION
Elizabeth conducted the annual Advisory Committee Orientation.

COLLEGE UPDATES
Theo announced the new Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Brown has joined the College.
Theo discussed the College almost reached enrollment goals for the academic year.

Eric inquired about a potential meeting with the Vice President of Instruction about the Network Technology program.

Dwight will bridge communications with Eric and Dr. Brown's office.

Theo discussed a recent meeting with the state regulations with the employer versus employee guidelines. The College has received clarification but the strict equal employer versus employee rescinded however the College is waiting on further updates.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Dwight discussed the program is waiting on media services to install the TV screens in AA4 Room 203.

Dwight shared that the program has welcomed seven new part-time faculty members.

Dwight shared that the program's enrollment is robust and almost full.

WORKPLAN

Dwight presented the 2024-25 work plan.

Dwight discussed curriculum goals, facilities, and equipment goals.

Ryan requested for an update on VMware.

Dwight shared that VMware has withdrawn from their academic partners, and the program is moving to Open Source.

Ryan inquired about Net Lab and Proxmox.

Dwight shared that the program would have some items transition to Proxmox Community Edition.

Steve noted his company is moving away from VMware to Nutanix. The program will inquire about an academic partnership with Nutanix.

Dwight noted that Hyper-V is moving towards Azure.

Dwight welcomed committee input and feedback regarding industry changes.

Dwight discussed the need for a dedicated classroom for the cybersecurity bachelor's degree program. Dwight shared the current class transition into the auto rooms. The program aims to utilize the CTC building.

Theo shared that the CTC building has recently opened for evenings and weekends. Theo recommends that the program create a list of potential rooms they see fit.

Dwight discussed instructional quality and effectiveness goals. Josie will send a Microsoft Teams invite for this specific advisory committee on feedback.

Steve and Erics are in favor of Microsoft Teams.

Dwight discussed instructional and learning experiences. Dwight requested real-world workplace demo videos to provide students with local employer experiences.

Eric offered to invite the program into his workplace for video production.

Dwight discussed changes in courseware and updates to certifications. Dwight highlighted Eric's assistance in Azure

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Eric discussed potentially partnering with the marketing team at the College.

Dwight plans to develop new labs for equipment and platform use.

Dwight discussed some marketing goals for the program such as community engagement and industry events. Dwight asked for members to share industry events with the program as they come through.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores