2021-2022 Computer Science Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2022 11:00 AM via zoom

Members present: Joel Sanderson, Any Kolander, Bruce Bahlman, Cindy Elsing, Julie Gerber, Judy Tebben, Justin Heckenlaible

Motion by Cindy Elsing to approve the February 18, 2021 meeting minute   2nd by Joel Sanderson

Motion passes

College update from Judy Tebben talked about how the Minnesota West CTC enrollment is up and compared to the rest of the Minnesota State System our enrollment is looking good. We have quite a few staff and faculty positions now so check our website for those openings. Looking to get back to normal with the COVID cases on the downtrend and hope to get back to normal this Fall 22.

Terri Pelzel retired at the end of Fall 21 semester so we are in the process of filling her position and have a possible instructor in the Minnesota State System that might claim the position and they might have some programming credentials so that might help with our issue of not having a programming instructor currently employed with the college.

Computer Science closure and suspension of programs and degrees

Possibility of having agreement with South Central College to teach the programming courses will hopefully bring back the suspension of the current computer science degrees. The closure of some of the programs was because of trying to streamline offerings and also programs that have not have any graduates for several years. We are also looking at the possibility of having new certificate options in the future based on the agreement with South Central College.

Motion by Joel Sanderson and 2nd by Julie Gerber to the close and suspension of the following programs:

Computer Specialist, AAS program closure

Computer Science, AA Program Suspension

Computer and Info Tech, AAS Program

Computer Web Development AS Program Closure

Computer Applied Technology, AS Program

Computer Science AS Program Suspension

Motion passes

Class delivery methods and update on how enrollment and success of students. Justin is offering a class live at 11 AM via zoom and recording the lectures so that if students can't attend class they can watch recording and also have the comfort of being able to attend live and ask questions and get help during a consistent time. I have 20 students in the course and has been good for the students.

Q + A and Input from members on ways the Minnesota West Computer Science Department can help them and what we should be looking at to offer in the future.

Suggestion on trying to have a partnership with 4 year schools and improved articulation agreements with 4 year schools. The also looking at partnering with business and see if we can start some type of program or certificate to help them get ready to work for them. The exploring of certification programs instead of the full 2 or 4 year degrees to get students in the workforce earlier.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Joel Sanderson   2nd by Amy Kolander   Meeting adjourns

Minutes submitted by Justin Heckenlaible

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