Computer Science Advisory Committee Minutes

November 8, 2019

Present: Faculty and Interim Dean of Academic Affairs Judy Tebben, Jessica Janssen, Larry Janssen, Micah Stafford, Cindy Elsing, Lin Chambers, Julie Gerber, Justin Heckenlaible, Kathy Janssen, Carolina Rodriguez was a student guest.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Kathy Janssen

Welcoming comments, packet materials overview and lunch was served

Introduction of the members of the committee and guests

Motion by Micah Stafford to approve the Fall 2018 Nov 9, 2018 meeting minutes, 2nd by Lin Chambers. Motion approved

Kathy presented the Dice 2019 Tech Salary Report MIND THE GAP pamphlet and pointed out various statistics on how employers and tech professionals are divided on how to satisfy and retain top tech talent.

Next an ice-breaker game was played using Office 365 Forms to survey the committee. Each member completed the survey and received a smart phone ring stand.

Faculty and Interim Dean of Academic Affairs Judy Tebben informed the members about importance, obligations and timelines involved with HLC accreditation. Members will actively participate as requested through email.

Justin presented How email scammers work and prevention tips. Lots of interest and feedback was generated.

Kathy will be on sabbatical spring semester 2020 and intends to create a new course; Python Programming for 3 credits.

Kathy discussed statistics regarding participation in the Career Expo in September 2019 while Carolina presented a slide show of event pictures taken at the Minnesota West Career Expo. The new STEM flyer was discussed as a great marketing piece.

Cindy Elsing made the motion and Larry Janssen 2nd with the motion approved to create and offer a new Python Programming course.

Kathy previewed the WE ARE MINNESOTA STATE handout.

Carolina demonstrated the robots coded in unison and under specific coded directions. Individual members had an opportunity to interact with coding the robots.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.