

Minnesota West Community and Technical College
Computer Careers Advisory Committee minutes
April 3, 2008

Advisory Committee Meeting for Computer Careers at Minnesota West Community and Technical College – Jackson Campus was held on April 3, 2008. Kyle Dammer gave a presentation to the current students in the Networking Specialist Program. The purpose of having Kyle talk to the students was to give them a better idea of what to expect in industry and to give them an opportunity to talk with an advisory committee member. It was brought up at a previous discussion that it is important to try to get the students to communicate and network with prospective employers.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Kyle Dammer, Kevin Pockrus, and Richard Resutek were present.

Terri talked about the role and expectations of the advisory committee. Terri had attended the MNSCU Advisory Committee effectiveness workshop. Information from this workshop was shared with the committee.

Members were asked to think about other IT contacts that would make good advisory committee members. There were no suggestions at this time, missing members will also be asked.

Current program planning sheets were shared with the committee for the Networking Specialist AAS & Diploma, Computer Engineering Technologies AAS & Diploma and the PC Maintenance & Repair Certificate majors. Members were asked to review them for changes to be made at the next meeting.

Kyle asked that I send the current program planning sheets to the other members for review and make recommendations for the next meeting to be held in September 23, 2008.

Terri noted that some members would always participate via email. Electronic ways to hold meetings were discussed. D2L possibly? It was noted that electronic would work for one meeting a year but those present felt it is still necessary to hold one meeting a year fact to face for members to get to know each other. Terri noted that it would be impossible for some members to come because of the distance but still the members are still valuable and did not want to loose their guidance and expertise because of distance.

Informational: Terri Pelzel will be taking a sabbatical for Spring semester 2009.

Next meeting was set for September 23, 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.