

Computer Science Advisory Committee

Minutes November 6, 2008

Present: Julie Gerber, Larry Janssen, Jason Kruger, Rita Christianson, Jodi Almberg, Jennifer Heidelberger, Dr. Diane Graber, Dr. Marnie Fischer, Kathy Janssen, Jim Smieja, Justin Heckenlaible, absent: Becky (Bartosh) Vandevanter

The meeting was called to order at 12:05PM by Kathy Janssen

- ✚ Welcoming comments were made by Dr. Marnie Fisher, Campus CEO for Worthington Campus of Minnesota West. That was followed by general introductions of the members present at the meeting.
- ✚ Motion was made by Larry J. and seconded by Jennifer H. to approve the minutes of the April 2004 meeting. Passed unanimously.
- ✚ Minnesota Provost Dr. Diane Graber provided a brief overview of the college mentioning the new satellite site to open in Redwood Falls the Fall of 2009. She noted that student enrollment in online courses was the equivalent of 22% of the college FTE
- ✚ Kathy J. next ran an online video entitled "Shift Happens". A rather lively discussion followed about the implications of all the changes we are seeing around and the impact that it has on our students and the way we approach instructing them. <http://thefischbowl.blogspot.com>
- ✚ Kathy J. provided an update of some of the happenings with computer science curriculum at Minnesota West. Major points were:
 - Review of Articulation agreements is occurring
 - Reminder that the department delivers both online and classroom courses. Majority of the students are in online courses
- ✚ Justin H. provided information on ongoing recruiting efforts. Mention was made of the recent Career Day at the Worthington Campus where the Department had a manned display. An initiative was underway to examine how we might use Podcasts as a way to reach students. This provided some comments about other methods that need to be explored because so many students are now frequenting sites like FaceBook, MySpace and Utube.
- ✚ Jim S. gave a brief explanation of the new CSCI2235 Introduction to Game Programming course being offered the first time in Spring of 2009. It is hoped that it will prove to be a draw to students and provide a feeder to the department programming options. At present there is no prerequisite for the course.
- ✚ Finally there was a general discussion of varied topics before adjourning. There was some brainstorming on what types of classes the general public might like or need that dept could provide. Short courses were mentioned in areas around computer and data security at home and particularly a need to offer courses for the senior population. Rita mentioned that the State of MN always seems to be looking for hires with background in Java II, Database Architecture and Business Intelligence.
- ✚ Meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:10 pm.