Fall 2020 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: ITS   **Date: 10/22/2020**   **Start Time: 6:00 pm**

Members Present:

Ben DeLong   Vinnie Ghika

Kirky DeLong   Billy Maker

Seth Chouinard   Paul Pesce

Kellan Marvel

Program Facilitators: Jody Norton/Elaine Batzer
Committee Chair: Cory Tapper

Subject: **Curriculum Bias Form**

Discussion: We use this checklist each year to ensure that the curriculum (scope/sequence, textbooks, learning materials, et.) is unbiased and reflects our student population as well as includes teaching diversity. The checklist (curriculum bias form) was completed today in school prior to this meeting by the ITS instructors (Batzer/Norton). Not all of the questions for each category can be applied to our program. That being said, our categories are represented well for most of the questions. One category that can be improved is Disability. We do not see a high representation of people with disabilities.

Subject: **Student Enrollment/Placement**

Discussion: Elaine presented ITS student enrollment numbers for each class. Obviously no freshmen have been placed yet. Next meeting we will have that data. Placement data on the class of 2020 is a little foggy at this time. Most were planning on post-secondary.

Subject: **Welcome Two New Members**

Discussion: We welcomed two new members tonight. Kellan Marvel and Paul Pesce. We are very excited to have them with us. We are also heavily recruiting our TEALs volunteer from Microsoft to join this committee.

Subject: **Remote Learning Best Practices**

Discussion: ITS is using Schoology as our learning management platform. It is working well for the hybrid model. Use of Aspen for grading / attendance / report cards is somewhat sloppy at this time. Jody did a show and tell of his Schoology page and netacad courses to show what his students are experiencing. Jody and Elaine make use of the large TV's in the shop for labs. This has helped students with the social distancing rules.

Subject: **New Trends in the Occupational Area**

Discussion: Ben DeLong stated the AWS certification is very important at his place of employment. All new hires are required to be AWS practitioner certified. Google cloud & AWS competing. Corey added Azure and 365. Obvious trend right now is working remotely. Kellan suggested database skills are needed and very valuable.

Subject: **Employment Outlook**

Discussion: Covid is taking a toll on employment outlook. Many of our regular coops have been put on hold due to Covid and the effects it has had on the economy. We will continue to look for additional opportunities.

Subject: **Portfolios**

Discussion: Jody shared some of last year's senior portfolios. Invited all members to participate next spring.

Subject: **Recommendations**

Discussion: Paul suggested more certifications. He said we may want to expand into the MTA portfolio of exams, not just Networking Fundamentals. Also suggested starting a Programming and Web Development program.

The meeting adjourned at: 7:30 pm