Spring 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Information Technology Services   Date: 4/2/19

Members Present:

Ted Neary   Mark Ambrefe

Vinny Ghika   Corey Tapper

Seth Chouinard

Program Facilitator: Jody Norton

Committee Chair: Corey Tapper

Subject: Portfolio Review

Discussion: Requested volunteers to review senior portfolios on May 3, 2019. PAC recommended a reminder email be sent closer to the date. Jody agreed to send.

Subject: Student Enrollment / Placement

Discussion: Thirteen new ninth graders have joined the program. Five have already been certified in CompTIA IT Fundamentals. There was not much concern over the lower than usual numbers.

Subject: New Trends in Occupational Area / Review components of curriculum

Discussion: Discussed the addition of the added Python course (TEALS) and that we are looking at network programmability. PAC suggested we teach less topics more deeply. Mark Ambrefe provided a list of suggestions:

- Routing (Static, OSPF, EIGRP)
- Switching (VLANs, STP)
- Windows / AD Administration
- Linux Administration
- VMware ESXi / vCenter
- High Availability (VRRP, vSS, vPC, clustering)

- Storage (NFS, iSCSI, etc.)
- Cybersecurity (OS hardening, firewalls, etc.)
- Automation (Ansible, Python, Chef, Powershell)
- Miscellaneous (documentation, subnetting, design)

Subject: Employment Outlook / Coop placement at TechEvolution
Discussion: Business is good at PAC members workplace. Corey recently interviewed three juniors, one will start tomorrow. He said they were all great candidates. Ted will be looking to add a new student this spring.

Subject: New Business
Discussion: PAC and teachers discussed meeting more frequently. Possible have a meeting over the summer, "out of cycle" and include Paul Pesce or other teachers.

Subject: Industry recognized credential survey (please complete as a group)
Discussion: Completed survey with little discussion.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.