Lethbridge Community College
Computer Information Technology Advisory Committee
M I N U T E S
Wednesday, January 10, 2001
Palliser Regional Schools

Present:

Jimm Valentinsen, Tim Symes, Wanda McLean, Michael Verhage, Timothy Frantz, Rae Neufeld, Susie

Kennedy, Lucille Prindle, Karen Morden-Babick, Brian Hood, Barry Robinson, Terry Allred, Christine Matthews,

Sheryl Williams, Kelly Gorrill (recorder)

Regrets:

Gwen Seal, Jean Valgardson, Stephen Graham

Welcome:

J. Valentinsen welcomed all those in attendance as dinner was served.

Approval of November 8, 2000 Minutes:

The minutes of the November 8, 2000 meeting were circulated and approved as-is.

Introduction of Members:

'round-table introductions were made.

Member Profile Form - Collection:

If you have completed your form and not yet returned it, please send it to us; we will be calling on those who

indicted their willingness to participate to either assist in curriculum decisions and development and/or

participate as an in-class guest-speaker. Thank you to all of you who have already returned your member

profile forms! :)

CIT Non-Academic Requirements - Review Statement:

Susie went over the new courses and extension courses for CIT. CIT is working to stay current in Information

Technology.

Unfortunately at this time, majors within CIT are not advisable. Proposed in the mean time is the creation of

some new CIT courses, and the ability for students to pick classes from a list, depending on their interests.

Course options will be presented in the LCC Course Calendar, and research into possible certifications for

students as a result of some of these specialty courses will be done.

With regard to program changes, CIPS has advised us to stay within their requirements and to keep updating, especially in the Internet area; both objectives will be completed.

Discussion was also held as to the status of BUS 174 - Problem Analysis, and BUS 173 - Information Management and Apps. It was decided in the previous meeting that BUS 174 would be dropped, but after talking to students, it was decided that keeping BUS 174, taught by a CIT instructor, would be beneficial. It was also decided that challenge modules should be made available for BUS 173 so that students could complete them. Making BUS 173 - or appropriate skills - a prerequisite for CIT was also discussed; students could then pick up that course if they need to during their first semester. Check the Alberta Education website for secondary school outcomes, and the MOUSE site for possible certifications for prior learning assessment for the use of challenging a BUS 173 module(s) and/or the whole of BUS 173.

Problem Solving - Can we solve the problem?:

These skills need to be developed through CIT, and as a department, problem solving as an outcome is on every outline to keep it in students� mind (focus on problem solving).

Timothy mentioned that the other side of problem solving is where do I find the answers (resources)? Sheryl mentioned brainstorming with students about the problem. It is the intent of CIT to adopt a formalized process that can work for everyone (program wide).

Barry questioned - Would you like to have one in-depth program or several ones for students to learn on/with? The consensus was that depth was better then breadth.

Terry questioned - Would you like a popular or generic package? Tim mentioned that you should use popular, because it is good and many people use it, but you can't make everyone happy. The industry uses different technologies and students after they have background knowledge can learn more when they get out. You can't teach part of a huge program because the students have to know the whole thing. If you teach part of the program, when they get out they will stop where the training has ended and won't know where to go from there? We need to ask what the industry is looking for and then teach it in the program.

Student Report

There was no student report at this time.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. and is currently scheduled to take place on the Lethbridge Community College Campus - in the Sunflower Room (TE1202).

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.