Lethbridge Community College
Computer Information Technology Advisory Committee
M I N U T E S
Tuesday, October 26, 2004
LCC Main Campus - IB1132

Present:

Stephen Graham, Timothy Frantz, Marty Boogaart, Karen Wojtowicz, Doug Wells, Barry Robinson, Terry Allred, Sean Megaw, Matt Lynch, Susie Kennedy, Jimm Valentinsen Bud Haycock, Jim Campbell, Sue Huffman, Shannon Mercer (1st Year Student Rep.), Kelly Gorrill (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Don Reichert, Brock Price (Student Rep.)

Welcome:

Stephen welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Introductions:

Round table introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from March 24, 2004 were approved by Matt Lynch and seconded by Jimm Valentinsen.

Games Programming - Applied Degree Update:

Doug reported that we got through our second hurdle - Dialog has begun with the government. This would seem to be good sign that the College is confident with this program proposal. Since Applied Degrees are relatively new, we will be the first to have this ahead of other institutions and they will be wanting to check us out and learn from our program.

CIPS Re-accreditation:

CIPS will be on campus December 9 & 10, 2004 for our Re-Accreditation. A luncheon has been set up for Friday, December 10, 2004 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM to meet with CIT Advisory Committee Members - Members were encouraged to attend to ensure good representation of the committee with CIPS.

CIT Curriculum Right Sizing:

Susie commented that due to the small size of student cohorts, the streaming in CIT caused small class sizes. At the previous meeting a plan was presented to "right-size" the curriculum in the interest of being cost-

effective. However, the current curriculum is good it was proposed that we leave the design as it is for the next year or two. With games programming on campus, hopefully CIT numbers will increase. This year, the first year student numbers are 40 and there are 8 students confirmed for January. Overall, program numbers may be down but the program is hoping they will go up.

With the new membership on the committee, it was recommended that members received copies of the course outlines for review at the next meeting.

Action: Susie to distribute copies of Course Descriptions from CIT to the Advisory Committee.

Career Conference 2004:

New name for the Career Fair is now Career Conference. The enhanced model, known as a career conference, supports the following outcomes: Enhance college interaction with stakeholders to address skill and labour shortages; Demonstrate learner proficiency of career skills; High rates of employment for learners; Evaluate and develop personal skills, attitudes, and behaviours necessary to achieve success in the workplace.

Career Conference Open Sessions:

- Karen Wojtowicz, Systems Analyst, Mike Wiebe, Web Prog, Chinook Health Region 9:00 - 9:45AM
- Kathleen Martens, Faculty of Management, U of L 11:00 - 11:45 AM
- Kirsten Forbes, Producer, Radical Entertainment 12:00 - 12:45 PM
- Matt Lynch, B.Sc. 1:00 - 1:45 PM
- Wolf Holzman, Faculty of Arts & Science - Computer Science, University of Lethbridge 2:00 - 2:45 PM

These are open sessions and Advisory Committee Members are welcome.

[View the CIT Career Conference Events Flyer](#)

CIT Seminars:

In the past few years, industry professionals have lead 3 hour seminars to get students working on some of the IT topics not present in the program curriculum. Participants receive a certificate when the seminar is over. We usually get a good turnout to these seminars. It is good for our students to attend the seminars - sometimes there are prerequisites to participating.

Upcoming seminars: Matt Lynch will be doing XML in December and C-Sharp in February; Stephen Graham will offer an Interface Design seminar in January; and Sean Megaw will offer a games programming seminar, also in January.

For an up-2-date listing of seminars, please [visit our CIT home page](#) and hover on the Seminars link / menu heading.

New Membership - SubCommittee:

If you have a couple of hours to do some brainstorming, we need your input on how to find some good qualified members. One Idea: Try your practicum contacts, they are interacting with students and have the business aspect also.

SubCommittee consists of Karen Wojtowicz, Timothy Franz, Kelly Gorrill, Susie Kennedy.

Student Reports:

Brock was accepting an award, and was therefore unable to attend our advisory committee meeting.

Shannon reported that her PC course was very interesting. The first class they were able to take a computer apart and look at the parts inside, students are very happy with the course and instructor. At this point all students are satisfied with the courses taken.

Next Meeting:

There will be a lunch meeting in December with CIPS.

The next Advisory Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, January 26, 2005, at 6:00 - 8:00 PM. This meeting will be hosted by Iunctus Geomatics, located at #401 - 817 8th Avenue South, (Fourth Floor, Tim!) in the BLT Building.

It was noted that the CIT website is slightly outdated!

Action: Terry will update the Advisory Committee Website (how does it look?).

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.