Lethbridge Community College
Computer Information Technology Advisory Committee
M I N U T E S
Tuesday, October 25, 2005
LCC Main Campus - IB 1132

Present:

Stephen Graham, Jimm Valentinsen, Garry Semech, Matt Lynch, Karen ODwyer, Jim Campbell, Ken Chapman, Doug Wells, Susie Kennedy, Barry Robinson, Andrea Knecht, Terry Allred, Shannon Mercer (2nd Year), Kelly Gorrill (Recording Secretary).

Regrets:

Timothy Frantz

Welcome:

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

Introductions:

Round table introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from Tuesday, April 12, 2005 were approved by Stephen Graham and seconded by the committee.

Student Numbers this Fall:

Our student numbers for September were 43 with an additional 10 students that came from our January intake and we are planning for minimum 35 students for next fall.

Two sections of labs will be scheduled for next year to accommodate the high numbers. Going to schools with the Games Programming information could have given CIT positive coverage resulting in the higher numbers. We could have five or six females starting in the program this year.

Program Changes Confirmed:

Changes will be in place for September Calendar.

1. The hardware course will be reduced from 5 to 3 credits.
2. The introduction to networking course will increase by 1 credit.
3. The e-commerce administration course will also increase by 1 credit.

4. All students will take the Object Oriented Programming class as recommended by CIPS. They were concerned that the database stream did not have Java programming. This change will correct that weakness.
5. To balance out the credits, Advanced DB (Oracle Developer) will be reduced by 1 credit.

Games Programming:

Susie, Barry & Terry met with Doug. The Applied Degree proposal has met with hurdles that slow down approval (in Edmonton) and therefore implementation on campus. In addition, money became an issue because proposals to the government now have to be accompanied by a $10,000 fee.

We decided on redefining the curriculum and forming a (Post Diploma / Post Degree) Certificate of Specialization. Once this program is in place, we believe that we will be able to get some answers for the Degree program which Edmonton has asked but which we cannot answer without experience in training for this specific industry. Doug called his contact in Edmonton and he was satisfied with what we would like to do. Susie thinks it is a good way to start and get some feedback from everyone - she will be working with Sean on making the necessary changes and then moving forward to academic counsel.

Student Reports:

Shannon reported that this semester has been a very busy one - 6 courses which is a heavy workload - but to be expected. Scheduling with groups is not easy - some groups are starting to feel the strain. There has been a lot of group work. Students are happy with the streams.

Systems Design is interesting and a learning experience. Course is challenging. Did not know what to expect when first got here. The Business courses are excellent, as well, and they compliment the technology courses.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 7, 2006, on the LCC Main campus - Room to be announced.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM; the CIPS re-accreditation presentation followed immediately.