

Lethbridge Community College
Computer Information Technology
Minutes for Tuesday, March 7, 2006
LCC Main Campus – Canbra Room (CE 1305)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Present: Stephen Graham, Jimm Valentinsen, Matt Lynch, Karen Harker, Jim Campbell, Ken Chapman, Doug Wells, Susie Kennedy, Barry Robinson, Terry Allred, Marty Boogaart, Jonathan Hartney (1st Year Student), Kelly Gorrill (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Timothy Frantz

1. Welcome

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

2. Introductions

Round table introductions were made.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 25th, 2005 were approved by Matt Lynch and seconded by the committee.

4. PC Service – Program Revival

There is student demand for the revival of this program, and CIT was asked to consider bringing the program back to LCC. Terry and Susie worked on the proposal, which includes a new staffing model which will help the program be financially possible: shared program leader, Technologist, and Fieldwork Coordinator. There would be no extra money coming out of that program for those individuals, as they are already in place for CIT. Also, if students could be integrated with others in courses already on campus (for courses other than PC repair labs, ie: networking) then again, the program would be more financially viable (it should be noted that existing classes won't be over-filled with PC Service students – the instructors' mental health will be taken in to consideration (whenever possible)). Edmonton will allow a reduction in credits from the previous total of 49, to bring the certificate more in-line with Alberta Educations' goals of 30-to-40 credits. The proposal also includes a 120 hour practicum. Susie will discuss this with Jim Campbell to help support fieldwork.

5. Games Programming Certificate - Update

The process is that forms get filled in & sent to Edmonton – The forms were filled in January and we heard back in early March. They have asked a few interesting questions dealing with budget.

Many students are showing a lot of interest in the Games Programming – 43 up to this point. (Attachment) Everything has gone through Academic Council.

6. CIT 152: Introduction to Networking – Curriculum Build

Barry is looking for ideas on remodeling the course – trying to fill up and add other features to the networking courses (Routers & Firewalls)? Barry will send a copy of a detailed list of the course topics... Touch on Firewalls – Do VPN's or SmoothWall.

Action: Barry – Will put together a sub-committee for Networking; Bud would be a good delegate (and was therefore volunteered in absentia).

If any of you are interested in participating, please contact Barry or Susie.

7. CIT 265: E-Commerce Administration – Curriculum Build

Has been a fun class for Barry and his students; however, Barry would like to go more in-depth. There should be more topics covered. How many are involved in Web Development? Barry will send a copy of a detailed list of the course objectives and topics covered.

Action: Barry – Will put together a sub-committee for E-Commerce. If any of you are interested in participating, please contact Barry or Susie.

8. CIT 270: IT Integration Seminar – April 5th Practice Interviews

Flo wants to set up practice interviews. You could give Feedback after the interview on April 5th. If you could come for an hour or two that would be most appreciated.

Action: Committee Membership

9. CIT 271: IT Fieldwork - Update

All of our students have been placed for this year. This has been working very well and we are pleased.

10. Student Reports:

Jonathan is here to report that things have been going well. The Business classes integrated well together – he started in January. This term he is in C++, HTML, Database, PC Hardware, and Accounting. As long as students keep up with the reading, they shouldn't have any problems. Students seem to be busy but not far behind.

Shannon had a class tonight and sent her regrets.

11. Additional Items / New Business

- a) It seems that older students are doing better than the younger ones. Married students seem to do better than the single students – Envi Sci did a survey in their area and they came up with similar results.
- b) If you are aware of Vendors who would be interested in presenting educational technology on campus in May, please contact Doug Wells
- c) November – Career Conference 50th Anniversary for LCC. If you or someone you know would like to have a booth to recruit students or would be interested in presenting to students, please have them contact Susie or pass along their contact information for follow-up. Any other ideas? Please contact Susie.

12. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 3, 2006 - Lethbridge Regional Police Services

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.