

Lethbridge Community College
Computer Information Technology Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 8, 2000
6:00 P.M. Lethbridge Police Service - (Community Room)

Present:

Sheryl Williams, Barry Robinson, Matt Lynch, Christine Matthews, Sabina Kara, Terry Allred, Christal Wildeman, Brian Hood, Tim Symes, Larry Batalden, Timothy Frantz, Ron Dubien, Noreen Volk, Wayne Krywolt, Gwen Seal, Stephen Graham, Susie Kennedy, Jimm Valentinsen, Clara Larson, Kelly Gorrill (recording secretary)

Regrets:

Jean Valgardson, Joe Feller.

Welcome:

Jimm Valentinsen welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:10 P.M. and had round table introductions. Sheryl Williams, Barry Robinson and Sabina Kara are new instructors for the CIT program and they gave some background information about themselves.

Tour:

Jimm Valentinsen toured the group through the new police service building.

Approval of Minutes of Monday, November 22, 1999:

The minutes of November 22, 1999 were approved as circulated. Timothy Frantz mentioned that he liked the idea of three committee meetings a year.

CIT Mission Statement and Learning Outcomes:

Working in Team Environment - people skills are extremely important, as well as good customer service. CIT250 Student Design II teaches students to deal with customers. It would be nice if speakers from the Advisory Committee came in and stressed customer service to our students. Should the outcomes have customer service and consulting skills added?

Student Report:

Feedback from the last meeting was favorable. Html course, more specialization in the program. Second year mentor was suggested for some of the students that need some extra help. More lab space for students that want to get assignments done and have extra work time.

Students are really getting into their work and wanting computers more right now. Ron Dubien mentioned that the labs at the University are busy until midnight. The College labs are quite empty in the evening.

Specialization:

Courses and links could be in place before taken to Academic Council, develop courses and have people go through before admitting it to Council, this is being worked on. CIT and Multimedia, programming vs. database - careful with splitting the courses. CIT would take program changes to the advisory Committee for it to discussed and not decide on their own.

Online courses will be available soon.

CIPS Accreditation Update:

Report came and is attached. Lethbridge does not have a local chapter of the CIPS and we want to have a celebration so it is up to CIT to organize an event. We would like to have the Committee members attending this event sometime in March. Ken Chapman (CIPS) has offered support and will be attending.

Student Scholarships:

This year EFG Solutions is supporting CIT students with a couple of scholarships. These will be going to a first and second -year student. Susie Kennedy mentioned that the scholarships don't have to be a big sum of money and can range from as little as \$50.00 up. Timothy Frantz mentioned that EFG wants to support CIT with scholarships and practicum.

ACCESS Funds Recommendation:

Deferred

Web Page for Advisory Committee:

Deferred

Member Profile Draft Form:

Add Job Shadowing to Member Profile.

Gwen Seal commented that a student may benefit from attending a Technology Info-structure meeting. They could take different students or stay with one.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at University of Lethbridge Board Room, University Hall W646 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Next Agenda should have information about the TECH Program (students lease laptops for their program) through SAIT.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.