

Lethbridge Community College
Computer Information Technology Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Wednesday, March 21, 2001
Lethbridge Community College - Sunflower Room

Present:

Jimm Valentinsen, Tim Symes, Wanda McLean, Michael Verhage, Rae Neufeld, Susie Kennedy, Ron Dubien, Karen Wojtcowicz, Brian Hood, Barry Robinson, Christine Matthews, Stan Weiss, Sheryl Williams, Terry Allred, Matt Lynch, Kelly Gorrill (recorder)

Regrets:

Timothy Frantz, Karen Morden-Babick, Jean Valgardson

6:00 P.M.

Welcome:

Jimm welcomed everyone to the meeting; supper was served with discussion.

6:30 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of January 10, 2001 were approved as circulated.

Final Draft Review of Qualifications and Suitability:

It is important that we explain that a person needs certain qualifications to get into the program and industry. Students came into the program with bad backs and sight complications. Jimm had commented that climbing may not be a good word to use for the Qual, he thought their could be an issue there. Is there a better word to explain moving around in a maze under a desk? The word "potential" could be in there, "should be aware of" for the second paragraph. Jean & Lucelle have been great with their support on this. The 3rd paragraph should have something about the support from the Advisory Committee. Wanda as a student commented that this statement would not have made a difference for her when she was researching her education.

Update re: program revisions:

Courses in the revised program are same for the 1st year. There are some changes for 2nd years - Certain courses that have been added will give the students more freedom in the direction they would like to go, where they are stronger and more what they enjoy. WebCT is good for the students: they are all enjoying it.

Calendar changes reviewed:

All corrections will be in the calendar for September. There was brief discussion about Pure or Applied Math. Are we preparing students for industry, or University? Keeping track of students (coming in) that have pure or applied math starting in September.

High Schools are not aware of the Computer Information Program, but they prepare students to move into Multi Media. Stan Weiss is very interested in getting more information from high schools in the area.

Organizational Restructuring:

The structure of our college used to be 11 Centers, they have reduced it to seven now. They have created a new center which includes us. We have been pulled away from the Business Administration even though we are business focused. We are a business solution program. We do cross over with other programs that we will be with, focus will be on Technology & E-Commerce. Another centre called Technology & Trades is now changing to just Technology. Team Leaders positions are open again. As of now we don't know who will fill each position. Will CIT move physically? We are not sure right now. There is a new building, but we might prefer to be in the TEC building with other programs in our new centre.

PD Wish list for this summer:

- Barry will be working on his Masters Program. At this point he is doing lots of research and trying to decide which program best meets his needs.
- Terry is looking at Solaris & Oracle training.
- Christine - Has applied to Athabasca for her masters, starting in September. She will be attending Interface 2001.
- Sheryl - Registered & taking courses for her masters for Science in U.S. Open ended 12 weeks- self directed. Teaching right through the summer. Wants to take Oracle course over summer.
- Susie - Focusing on developing rather than taking courses. She will be going to Interface 2001.

Student Report:

Graduate April 27th, yearend Party at the Rugby Club. Many of the students are on practicum placements and they are happy.

Brian @ Palliser commented that the Practicum is going very well this year. The positions can work into summer work.

Matt Lynch was with us and is training in E-Commerce right now. There has been a bit of traveling for him and he said that the learning side has been tremendous for him.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26, 2001.

Thoughts on three meetings a year? Committee very supportive, College supports the Advisory Committee and the decisions that are made by them. Agreed to 2 fall meetings, 1 winter meeting.

Jimm thanked everyone for coming out this year and for the commitment individuals have made to the committee.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.