

Lethbridge Community College
Computer Information Technology Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 22, 2003
LCC Main Campus - Sunflower Room (TE1202)

Present:

Jimm Valentinsin, Susie Kennedy, Ron Dubien, Karen Wojtowicz, Rae Neufeld, Matthew Lynch, Marty Boogaart, Barry Robinson, Terry Allred, Doug Wells, (Student Reps: Jesse Patching and Brock Price), Kelly Gorrill (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Stephen Graham, Timothy Franz, Barry Gergel

Welcome:

Jimm welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Introductions:

Introductions were made round table.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes from April 2, 2003 were approved by Matthew Lynch and seconded by Rae Neufeld.

CIT & Applied Management:

Susie Kennedy introduced the new Team Leader for Applied Management - Doug Wells.

Doug gave some background information about himself. Jimm welcomed Doug to the Advisory Committee.

Canadian Information Processing Society Awareness Week:

Susie passed around information on CIPS that had been forwarded to her. Does CIT want the CIPS Accreditation to be renewed? There was positive feedback around the room, and the committee accepted to move forward for renewal which will be taking place in 2004.

ACTION:Susie

ASET Accreditation for IT:

Accreditation for IT programs is now an option with ASET. It seems that ASET has been around longer than the CIPS, but they want more control on what goes on. There would be a lot of work involved and we already have the CIPS Accreditation. Susie commented that she would like to sit and see where things go with this one.

Jesse commented that having the option for students to look into ASET certification after graduation is good enough for them right now. Materials are out for the students to see and Susie informed everyone that she would invite Stephen from ASET to come down and give a brief introduction to students that may be interested. The committee agreed that CIT should not apply for ASET program accreditation at this time.

New Elective in CIT - Games Programming:

A graduate of CIT is interested in teaching a new class CIT 277 - Games Programming (This course will provide the student with an overview of the game development process before moving on to teach the fundamental skills required to program a game modification (MOD) using a common game engine. Projects will cover weapons programming, user interface additions, player alternations and game client events. Theory is supplemented by practical examples in the lab. Students will work on small game modifications that will cumulate in a final project in which the students will design using the GDP and implement a custom MOD with a new game style). Late afternoon or evening would be when this course would run. Susie figures that 18 to 20 students will register for the 1st time around. Brock commented that this class seems popular with his classmates. A bigger version of Games Programming could be run through Business Training and Development. This would be very positive for CIT because the prerequisite would include a CIT diploma (as well as other diplomas and degrees). Doug commented that going through BTDI would be an easier way to start and instructors would be more accessible there.

Committee Membership:

Should the committee send a letter to members that are no longer willing to participate? Rae commented that a thank you could be sent out from the committee. ACTION: Jimm and Susie

Should a follow up with people who have not been attending be done to make sure that they are still interested. ACTION: Jimm

Barry Gergel would like to be part of the committee as a CIT alumni who has moved on to the UofL computer science.

Gary Semech might be interested in becoming a member.

Once we determine continued membership, we can address the new membership proposals.

ACTION: Jimm and Susie

Faculty changes in CIT: Christine Skow is now with the Chinook Health Region (Hospital). Sheryl Williams is now teaching in the public school system. Marty Boogaart has joined CIT and has 17 years teaching experience with LCC.

Student Reports:

Jesse informed the committee about his course-load and described the classes that he is taking right now and how they are working for him.

Brock informed the committee about his classes and course-load for the 1st year and where they are at right now. He also described how he learned about CIT from searching on the web.

Both Jesse and Brock appreciate the hands on work and creativity in this program.

Susie informed the committee that there was not enough applications to run a January intake. Communication with like programs throughout the province has shown that there is low enrollment everywhere. Doug commented that CIT has done nothing wrong and undoubtedly things will start to pick once again. The Government wanted bigger classes and more facilities for IT in post-secondary institutions and now that it has happened we don't have the students to fill up classrooms. We will continue to do a good job with the students we get and look forward to more students when the pendulum swings back.

Next Meeting:

Committee decided to have three meetings again this year. Next meeting will take place on January 28, 2004 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. in IB 1132.

Adjournment:

Jimm thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.