

**Computer Information Technology - Advisory Committee
March 3, 2015
TE 1202**

MINUTES

Present: Fergus Raphael (Chair), Mathew Lynch, Cal Koskowich,
Faculty/Staff: Rita Halma, Stephen Graham, Barry Robinson, Terry Allred, Dennis Sheppard,
Shoja Mazidi
Regrets: Nathan Sailer, Darren Eveleigh, Dave Gelowitz, Jake Waiboer, Candace Lewko
Recorder: Stephanie Gabrielson

1. Welcome & Introductions

Welcome and introductions were made around the table.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the agenda moved by Matt Lynch and seconded by Cal Koskowich. Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Adoption of the minutes moved by Matt Lynch and seconded by Cal Koskowich. Carried.

4. College-wide Updates

Dennis shared an update on college strategy, innovation and collaborative partnerships. The college is trying to reach out to be more engaged with industry and to drive programs based on industry need. One of the ways is through the unbundling of courses, which is referred to as Lecobytes. A single outcome can be identified with a single assessment. With this new model students are given the chance to take one outcome from the course rather than taking all the outcomes. This will be more accessible for part time learners and industries who want to come for individual learning outcomes.

Cor Van Raay, the founder of Cor Van Raay Farms and a leading Canadian cattle producer, has donated \$5 million to Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge, jointly, to establish the Cor Van Raay Southern Alberta Agribusiness Program. The Mueller family donated 3.1 million which was topped up to 5 million for irrigation sciences.

5. Student Feedback

As there were no students present, Fergus gave feedback by proxy for a current student Kolby Wittmack. Overall he thought that the program is going well, and the course work has prepared him to go out into the field. The only disappointment that he had was that the University of Lethbridge had suspended their MIS program. He is grateful to have a practicum where he can demonstrate and further his skills with the industry.

6. Program Updates

• **Enrollments**

The CIT program reached full capacity for first year enrollments, 45 spots have been filled for 14FL and 12 spots for 15WN. The CIT program has a higher number of international students compared to other programs. We are not looking at increasing the size of intakes.

- **Curriculum update**
CIT-2268 was formerly an elective and is now a core course. A new Mobile App Development course will be a new elective. In addition, the Business Writing course is replaced with Business Communication, adding verbal presentations to the prior written focus. Advisory members strongly approved of these changes. Business Analyst has been added to the list of potential career opportunities listed with the program overview information.

A diagram was handed out to the advisory members to show the revised curriculum.

- **Marketing**
Members suggest that we post grad success stories on websites and in the MyHorizons publication. An option was to reach out to the Board of Economic Development (EDL) as they would have a strong interest in CIT. New students participating in a photoshoot to feature in promotional handouts.

7. Other

A discussion was held on the increasing relevance of geometrics (GIS) within the IT field and on how the CIT program could incorporate this as an elective option into the program's future curriculum..

Members are asked to connect with industry for help with placing students in practicum placements.

8. Membership – new member suggestions

Members are requested to connect with other individuals within the community to expand the membership list.

9. Next Meeting Date & Time

The next meeting date was set for 6 pm on October 20, 2015.