

College of Computer & Information Technology
Virtual Advisory Board/Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 31, 2020
7:30-9:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Chris Paul

Attendees:

Ameyon Hawkins, Bill Waas, Brad Yourth, Chrissy Risberg, Dan Brown, Darlene Westberg, Henry Cutler, John Just, John Long, Joseph Hall, Judy Steeg, Lori Brown, Louis Plaisance, Marilyn Brown, Mike Gordon, Muslim Gadiwalla, Nathan Heinze, Sara Brown, Sara Sabourin, Scott Talcott, Shane Hamilton, Thomas Ma, Tony Francisco.

Welcome and introduction of new members: Lori Brown and Dr. John Just are new members to the CCIT Advisory Board. Lori works for JP Morgan Chase and John works for KnowBe4. They are both adjuncts for CCIT. Chris Paul mentioned that former advisory board members have expressed an interest to return to the board - Cindy Brown and Harold Shumaker.

SPC and CCIT updates: Dean Duff

CCIT is up in enrollment for spring term. Some other areas at the college are down 20%. The Workforce programs have trended up. The new Cybersecurity BAS is at 70+ students.

Due to the pandemic, there has been adjustments made to our classes. The face to face and blended classes (Classroom & Internet) have been reduced to 12 from 24 students. Live Online modality was offered more (Same day/times virtually). The budget across the college was cut 10% because they are unsure how the state will allot future state funds.

Thanks to Dr. John Just from KnowBe4 for offering a Cybersecurity on-demand program for employees and students to sign up for. It is a micro-credential program which gives people pieces of training. There are three parts to make it easier; Cyber Aware, Cyber Ready, and Cyber Resilience. Academic Chair Chrissy Risberg designed the badges to be given out upon completion.

<https://www.spcollege.edu/future-students/degrees-training/technology/cybersecurity/cybersecurity-micro-credential-program>

Sad news: Former faculty member Dr. Gary Allen was hired last year and passed away from a short illness. He oversaw several courses and CCIT is relying on adjuncts and other faculty members to take over his load. Dean Duff has requested approval for the three vacant positions.

Dean Duff is looking into a partnership with AWS.

Academic Chair Dawn Ellis and faculty Shane Hamilton have been working with the SPC Foundation and a Unity platform.

Seminole Campus Provost – Dr. Strickland has invited Dr. Duff in talks about a solar system platform they are initiating at the campus.

All CCIT AS students must complete an internship. Due to the pandemic it has become challenging to find internships, so CCIT provided alternatives such as assignments and projects.

Sub Committee Reports: Sub-committee leads; Dean Duff.

Curriculum: Each discipline will meet with the professional community and get their feedback regarding gaps, correct paths, curriculum needs, and other input. CCIT began with Programming first. They have met to discuss what they were looking for in a junior developer, what skillsets are needed, languages preferred, and hardest positions to fill. Present curriculum was shared for possible adjustments. This was very beneficial and successful with our faculty and will continue. Dean Duff will keep everyone posted on the next discipline that will be discussed.

Mentoring Pilot Program: Currently has four student mentees and four mentors - Bill Waas, Lori Brown, Ameyon Hawkins and Chis Paul. They gave some feedback and are structuring the side of mentors and the onboarding process. Also discussed was possibly a 'pay it forward' whereas the mentees will go on to mentor other students.

Promotions: Bill Waas/SIM Tampa Bay – To endorse SPC throughout the community. Dean Duff has been invited to join and head up the academic counsel. This is a great opportunity for SPC/CCIT locally and nationally. Dean Duff is attending meetings with faculty from MIT, Stanford and other universities that are involved in research. He has been part of the discussion on the Solar Wind hack. Locally, USF and UT are finding ways to link the professional world with the academia world.

SIM Tampa Bay – Join association, looking for participation. Outgroup is in early stages of being created. Looking for volunteers. Not mentoring, an extension of advising.

Sara Sabourin (SPC Career Outreach Specialist): Sara helps students with career readiness, skillsets, reviewing their resumes, planned events, career/internship fairs, and so much more for the students. She shared the career website and new logo – Hire SPC Titans.

Upcoming Events: Dean Duff

Tech Community week

- Tuesday, April 20 – Online session with Roger Grimes about Secure Elections; 6-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 21 – Virtual resume workshop with Sara Sabourin.
- Thursday, April 22 – Online information session with John Long for anyone interested in our programs.
- There will be a virtual scavenger hunt for students throughout the week and prizes will be given out. Dean Duff created a quiz format and some open source challenges.

Question: Who are Sara's typical audience for career help? Her answer: Current students. The bigger events include former and current students. Sara also offered to work with others via Zoom and record a session for students to listen to.

Spring 2021 commencement: There are a virtual and walk-on graduations taking place. The link below provides more information. <https://www.spcollege.edu/current-students/student-affairs/academic-resources/graduation/commencement-ceremony>

Summer/Fall outlook: Dean Duff

Summer term 590 (May 17-July 23) Due to the pandemic, SPC summer classes will mostly be taught online with 30% face to face and blended classes. Since last March, SPC has been very cautious to slow the spread of COVID with more online classes and faculty/staff working remote. As people get more comfortable with the vaccination, the college is hoping to be fully back on the campuses in the fall. We have scheduled our F2F and Blended classes back to 24 capacities in the fall. The goal is for fall 2021 to look more like fall 2019.

Open Discussion: All

Dr. Just: Mentioned that he is really excited about Roger Grimes speaking for CCIT about secured elections and the micro-credential program. SPC will be the first to offer the micro-credentialing and in the future it could be wide-ranging. He gave kudos to Dean Duff and team and Marketing for their help with it.

Ameyon Hawkins: Challenges with internships and to possibly reach out to leadership development professionals.

Scott Talcott: Asked the question of whom should companies be directed to as the contact for CCIT. Dean Duff asked that both he and Sara Sabourin be contacted. He also referred to Lolita John (Employment & Internship Coordinator).