Computer Science Advisory Board Meeting
Feb 27, 2020, 3:00pm

In attendance:
Jordan Azis, Stickboy Creative
Rachel Busch, Cigent
Dante Ciolfi, Fort Myers Technical College
Lee Dubey, Kitson Partners
Marshall Howard, CommLynx
Bryant Jackson,
Bryan Jones, LeeSar
Josh Zachnitz,
From FSW:
Judy Dantes
Dr. Melinda Lyles
Dr. Mary Myers
Albert Nault
Dr. Debbie Psihountas

Dr. Psihountas welcomed the group and introductions were made.

Department Updates: Dr. Mary Myers is the new Chair of the department and Melinda Lyles was hired to fill the vacant full-time position.

BAS Information Systems Technology: Back into design phase. The state was concerned the AS degrees did not feed into the BAS program. Programming would feed into it but not the Networking degree.

Mary Myers is working with faculty to design a program that will work with both AS degrees. There will be a Programming concentration and a Networking concentration with a generic IT core that both degrees would flow into.

AS students will have core classes and will need to complete Gen ED classes that are a requirement of the state; AA students will have taken the Gen Ed classes but will need the core classes.

As this is a workforce degree, a smooth progression is desired.

For the lower level courses, we have a relationship with the tech school; articulation agreements in place to allow courses to transition into the degrees.

The upper level courses will be tied to industry certifications.

Job Fair: the fall job fair was very successful. It was held over 2 nights and some businesses attended both as they had a need in multiple disciplines. The Spring job fair will be held on one night to be all-inclusive. It will be Thursday April 2 from 5 to 7 pm.

Other Updates:

We have received no recent info for internships. If any are available with your company, please reach out.

Scholarships-the college has received a grant from a donor to be used for certificates. Students that are close to finishing a CCC (College Credit Certificate) will be identified and offered scholarship money to take the class that is needed to complete. This money can also be used to pay for vouchers for industry certifications.

IBM Badges program- looking to bring it into the college.

Cengage-continuing to use for textbooks. Flexible; can be easily changed semester to semester.