**Florida SouthWestern State College
School of Business and Technology
Computer Science Advisory Meeting Minutes
(February 27, 2029)
MINUTES**

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|  | **Present** | **Absent** | **Excused** |
| **Administration** |  |  |  |
| Dr. Mary Myers, Dean | X |  |  |
| Jennifer Baker | X |  |  |
| **Staff & Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Mary Fullenkamp | X |  |  |
| Albert Nault | X |  |  |
| Kerry Cramer | X |  |  |
| George Kodsey | X |  |  |
| **Board Members** |  |  |  |
| Nicole Bailey | X |  |  |
| Matt Opalach | X |  |  |
| Inessa Pawson | X |  |  |
| Zarela Graves | X |  |  |
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| **Guests** |  |  |  |
| Katy Madden |  |  |  |
| Carrie Bohling |  |  |  |
| Emily Casey |  |  |  |
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**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM.

**Minutes.** Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

**Unfinished Business.**

**New Business.**

**Career Connections:** Carrie Bohling, Kelly Thawley, & Katy Madden

* Introduction to the new department: location, hours, website, general services
* Upcoming career fair
* Working on an internship week (approx. March 18 week)
	+ Reviewing the process of searching for, applying to, and interviewing for internships
* Future Workshops: mock interviewing; soft skills; resume building
* Discussed scholarships/funding easily available to students (WIOA/AARPA/OpenDoor)
* Jim Short may be a good contact for internships

**Spring Enrollment**

* FSW up 2%; SoBT up 18.9%
* Cyber is performing well
* BAS IST had 25 students in Fall; currently at 85 for Spring

**Building K**

* Move-in scheduled for late April; labs to be set up in Summer
* Classes to be held there in Fall
* Grand Opening TBD in October – the advisory board will be invited
* Community room will be open for use (FSW & public)

**Cyber Security Subcommittee Update**

**Cyber Security Accreditation Update**

* Currently in the program development stage
* Accreditation by Fall 2025

**Upcoming Events**

* BAS Instant Decision Day (April 10)
* Celebration of Graduates (April 24)
* Summer Cyber Camp with Nicole Bailey/LCS (June 3 – 7)
	+ Members invited to join the planning committee
* Order of the Sword & Shield National Honor Society to be joined soon
* An internship course (to earn credit) is being finalized to be used amongst all FSW’s schools

**Member Suggestions**

* Pawson: Offer devops instruction/experience
* Opalach: graduates need more soft skills to enter the industry
	+ Ensure students know they will still have to start from the bottom (in the industry) with their degree
* Graves: How can we communicate free/community events with FSW & students?
	+ Dr. Myers: Canva page for communication with SoBT students is coming; for now, we can ask faculty to share events with their classes via Canvas
* Project-Based/Problem Solving Course Format
	+ Practical work; real world outcomes/experience
	+ Involves case studies & workshops
	+ Being done in the Cyber capstone
* AI A.S. degree has just been released
	+ Rest on this for about a year, but good to keep in mind
* Kerry Cramer: Trying to address the basics and big picture of program and project management
	+ Internship experience builds confidence to enter the industry
* SoBT was given a 1.9 grant (Daveler) for an Entrepreneurship program
	+ Beginning an AS
	+ Looking for experienced, successful entrepreneurs to bring on as faculty

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM.

Mary Fullenkamp, Coordinator