

IT ALLIANCE SPRING 2019 MEETING MINUTES
Romain College of Business at USI
Wednesday, April 24, 2018, 7:30 a.m.
Business and Engineering Center, Lippert Hall, 0035

Members Present: James Derk, Abram Devonshire, Susan Everett, Bob Humphrey, John Knight, Kevin Kolley, Alan Letterman, Andrew Melchiors, Doug Petitt, Drew Peyronnin, Kelly Reisinger, Nic Sagez, Joab Schultheis, Richard Toeniskoetter, Mark Uhrin

Members Absent: Brian Beard, Terry Clements, Pat Fleck, Scott Franzel, Jeff Gorman, Patrick Heck, Lisa Hobgood, Kim Poynter, Amy Romain-Barron, Dave Smith, Anthony Spitz

Ex-officio Members Present: Abbey Foroughi, Brian McGuire

Faculty Present: Scott Anderson, Dinko Bacic, Bruce Mabis, Kenneth Shemroske, Srishti Srivastava, Gongjun Yan

Students Present: 15 Senior Project students attended.

Guests Present: Kenneth Dunn

Administrative Assistant Present: Michelle Simmons

WELCOME: Doug Petitt welcomed everyone to the spring meeting.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS: Petitt requested self-introductions.

MINUTES: Petitt asked for a motion to approve the Fall 2018 minutes as distributed. The minutes were APPROVED.

MEMBERSHIP: Petitt announced the results of the email vote for new and renewing members. The renewed members are Terry Clements, Susan Everett, Scott Franzel and Kevin Kolley. The new members are Andrew Melchiors, Abram Devonshire, Nic Sagez, and Drew Peyronnin. Alan Letterman was voted as Chair-elect.

CS/CIS SENIOR PROJECTS: Dinko Bacic and Gongjun Yan introduced the three student senior presentations. The presentations included a graphical interface to a file system for George Koch Sons LLC, a new website for Dongguan Precision Machinery Co, and a continuation of the drone prototype project called SkyWatch.

Petitt stated that good academic debate came from the presentations and following questions.

ACM CLUB REPORT: Srishti Srivastava presented three items that occurred as ACM at USI student chapter events in the Spring 2019 semester. (See attached report.)

CS CURRICULUM: Scott Anderson noted that the Romain College of Business was able to advertise for a new tenure track position in CS and the new faculty member Dr. Xue Han will begin Fall 2019. There is also a search for a one-year position in CS in process.

Anderson also discussed a collaboration with the Engineering Department to great a minor of 6-8 classes in Electrical Engineering that will include CS courses.

Anderson stated the primary programming language taught has changed from Java to C# do to the response of the IT Alliance members and asked if there should be another change in programming language.

CIS CURRICULUM: Kenneth Shemroske stated that the Cyber Security certificate will be available beginning Fall 2019 and the Data Analytics certificate is in the final stages of approval. He stated that the department was dynamic and responsive to needs in the community. The CIS degree is changing to a smaller list of required core courses with a larger elective pool within the next year. He requested feedback from the IT Alliance members for future needs.

There were 50 in attendance at the Southwest Indiana Cybercon. The next will be held in March of 2020.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S REMARKS: Abbas Foroughi thanked everyone. He discussed the collaboration between CS and CIS in the Romain College of Business. He thanked the members, faculty and students for attending. (See attached Department Chair Report)

Petitt praised the evolution of the CS and CIS programs.

INTERIM DEAN'S REMARKS: Brian McGuire stated he was glad to be at the meeting. He thanked the Alliance for their service and noted how fortunate the Romain College of Business was to have active boards to give input. He noted the RCOB had a very successful year and how proud he is of the CS and CIS program. He thanked Foroughi and the faculty for their hard work.

Foroughi presented Petitt with a gift of appreciation for his service of Chair to the IT Alliance.

NEXT STEPS: Joab Schultheis commented on how the alliance has been sustained for as long as it has been. He wants to explore more interaction between the members and faculty. He proposed additional shorter meetings between the two regular meetings and discussed the review of the committee needs. The first short meeting was proposed to be at the beginning of Fall 2019.

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