

## IT ALLIANCE SPRING 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 19, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

Romain Board Room, Business and Engineering Center, USI

**Members Present:** Brian Beard, David Bottomley, Terry Clements, James Derk, Pat Fleck, Bob Humphrey, John Kamin, John Knight, Kevin Kolley, Alan Letterman, Mike Neeley, Todd Richardson, Dave Smith

**Members Absent:** Kim Angermeier, Chris Boeke, Susan Everett, Karen Fuchs, Patrick Heck, Bruce Lane, Larry May, Martin Roth

**Ex-officio Members Present:** Nancy Bizal, Abbey Foroughi

**Ex-officio Members Absent:** Kerry Jackson, Mohammed Khayum

**Guests Present:** John Faless, Scott Franzel

**Faculty Present:** Scott Anderson, Sandeep Goyal, Ernie Nolan, Kenneth Shemroske, Jennifer Williams

**Students Present:** Craig Baylor, Nick Baylor, Eric Beckerly, Brad Cook, Brian Ensor, Jared Flake, Raichelle Flores, Matthew Gish, Darryl Glaser, Kyle Isaac, Alex Kemper, Randall McGrew, Matthew Mitchell, Greg Navarra, Levi Odom, Eric Pedigo, James Priest, Emily Rastl, Kevin Ries, Krystal Schmitt, Sayuz Shakya, Caleb Tomlinson, Beth Wead, Josh Weis, Adam White, Aaron Will

**Administrative Assistant Present:** Michelle Simmons

**WELCOME:** Mike Neeley welcomed everyone to the spring meeting.

**CIS SENIOR PROJECTS:** Sandeep Goyal introduced the Senior Project. The students built a database with both a desktop front end (ASDF) and web front end (PW) for the Okie Noodling Tournament. The project allowed students to work with a real business to come up with real solutions to business problems using what they have learned during the pursuit of their CIS degrees. The class had two competing teams: Team Prestige Worldwide consisting of **Craig Baylor, Brad Cook, Raichelle Flores, Kyle Isacc, Greg Navarra, and Eric Pedigo**; and team Assertive Systems Design Firm consisting of **Nick Baylor, Jared Flake, Alex Kemper, Sayuz Shakya, Josh Weis, and Adam White**. Each team showcased their problem and solution. **Navarra and Kemper** presented for their respective teams.

**CS SENIOR PROJECT:** Scott Anderson introduced the Senior Project. The students built a large scale software project for an online book sales website. They included a store front, administration access, warehouse picker (phone app), and a database. The participating students were **Kevin Aeshliman, Jesse Cullison, Matthew Gish, Elizabeth Herrenbruck, Matthew Mitchell, Emily Rastl, Kyle**

**Rickenbaugh, Paul Spaulding, Caleb Tomlinson, Juan Trevino, and Michael Williams. Gish, Rastl, and Tomlinson** presented the project.

**MINUTES:** Neeley noted the Fall 2011 minutes were distributed electronically and in the meeting packet. The minutes were approved.

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:** Neeley congratulated **Dave Smith** for taking over as chair of the IT Alliance and announced that **Terry Clements** is the chair-elect. He also welcomed all the new members (**Kim Angermeier, David Bottomley, Bob Humphrey, John Kamin, and John Knight**) and congratulated all the current members elected to an additional three-year term (**Brian Beard, James Derk, Karen Fuchs, Pat Heck, and Dave Smith**).

**SELF INTRODUCTIONS:** Neeley asked everyone to introduce themselves.

#### **IT ALLIANCE CHAIR'S REMARKS AND REPORTS:**

Neeley thanked everyone for being there. He noted that there were three distinct groups present: the students, the faculty, and IT Alliance members. He found the Alliance rewarding and noted that it is important to give back to the community through the students and faculty of the college. He thanked everyone for the support for all three groups.

**Alliance/Student Interactions:** **Dave Smith** noted that there are three focus areas in the subcommittee: mentoring, competitions, and speakers.

**Mentors and Mentees:** Goals were set for the mentoring program of seven students and seven companies. **Smith** reported that there were eight students and seven companies participating this year. Several of the mentees were at the meeting. In the fall, students fill out an application to work with sponsoring companies. The program starts in October/November and students spend four to eight hours a month on site at the mentoring company over a four to five month period. This exposes the student to various IT functions that may exist. **Aaron Will, Kevin Ries, and Beth Wead** gave brief talks about their experiences.

An end-of-program assessment was distributed to help make the program better. Typically, the program is geared toward juniors and some sophomores, but one suggestion was to get students involved earlier in their education. Also, initially, the student was paired with one company and remained with that company the entire time. The suggestion was made to move the students between companies to give them greater exposure to different IT functions in the different companies. **Smith** advised to be sure to target the right classes to involve students in the mentoring.

**Smith** noted that along with the students' getting interaction with the companies, the companies also get interaction with students that can potentially lead to job placement.

AITP Competition: **Kenneth Shemroske** noted the change in the AITP leadership as **Ernest Nolan** transfers the leadership to **Shemroske**. The AITP took nine students to conference this year. **Brian Ensor** and **Emily Rastl** gave the details of the competition and talked about their experiences. **Rastl** received the highest score on the ACP Certification examination. See report in the meeting packet.

**Shemroske** noted that this year, they were able to fly to the conference. He was proud that everyone was on time and represented the AITP well.

AITP Speakers and Tours: **Shemroske** discussed the speakers that came in this year, **Kenneth Winders** from Shoe Carnival and **Ann Hopp** from Atlas World Group. He noted the speakers help the students see how their education translates to real world experiences. It gives the students a real world view. He would like to see more speakers next year.

**Shemroske** also noted the tours that were set up this year, Vectren in October and Deaconess Gateway in April. This gives the students a chance to see the hardware and infrastructure and see people using the technology.

2010 Graduate Positions and Salaries: **Neeley** noted the Internship and Co-op-Career Services report will be emailed later.

Scholarship and Competition Support: **Terry Clements** noted that the committee has two important aspects. The ITA scholarship, supported by the members and won by **Beth Wead** this year, has helped significantly throughout the years. Also noted were the company based scholarships by Atlas World Group, Keller Schroeder, and Shoe Carnival. **Clements** suggested other companies represented in the IT Alliance consider sponsoring scholarships.

The other aspect noted is funding support for the AITP.

At the Fall 2011 meeting the balance was \$8,021.61; the current balance is \$9,800.86. The amount needed to make the scholarship self-funding would be an additional \$200 for a total of about \$10,000.

Alliance/Faculty Interactions: **Brian Beard** noted that the key mission of the committee is to get professionals into the classroom. Three were scheduled for this semester but only two were hosted due to scheduling conflicts. Three more presentations are scheduled for next semester. The other part of the committee is to get faculty out to the business in the community.

**Beard** announced he needs to turn the chairmanship of the AFI committee over to a new member.

Program Vision and Curriculum: The committee report will be emailed at a later date.

**Jennifer Williams** commented on the curriculum. Changes are being made based on the surveys sent out to committee members regarding the developing of tracks. The curriculum is also being adjusted to make a better freshmen experience.

**Nolan** and **Shemroske** are working on Web development, a new track that is cross disciplinary. **Goyal** is working on ERP.

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S REMARKS:** **Abbey Foroughi** thanked everyone for coming. He opened the floor to students to make comments to the committee. **Beth Wead** thanked the ITA for the scholarship and explained how much it has helped her with her education.

Foroughi exclaimed how excited he is about the changes happening in the department with the opening of a new CIS/CS faculty position, positive feedback on the CIS/CS Program Review, and the new tracks available next fall which include cross disciplines majors.

**Foroughi** explained appreciation to **Mike Neeley** for chairing the ITA over the last two years and presented **Neeley** with a plaque.

**NEXT STEPS:** **Smith** thanked **Neeley** for accepting a second year in the middle of his term. He credited **Neeley** for much of the good the ITA has done over the last two years.

**Smith** plans to work with the sub-committee chairs to set goals for the sub-committees to reach. He also mentioned that the new members should pick a committee that best meets their interests.

**Nolan** thanked **Shemroske** for taking the AITP this past semester and plans to continue to help in the transition of leadership. **Foroughi** thanked **Nolan** for all the work and the many years he has sponsored the USI AITP Chapter and recognized his National AITP leadership.

**Neeley** asked the new members to introduce themselves and say a little about their backgrounds. **David Bottomley, Bob Humphrey, John Kamin,** and **John Knight** each introduced themselves. **Kim Angermeier**, who could not attend, was introduced by **Clements**.

**Neeley** thanked everyone for their support.

**Smith** said it was great to see so many new members. He is looking forward to fresh ideas.

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