The Information Technology Alliance Committee is comprised of USI Computer Science & Computer Information Systems Faculty and 23 senior technology leaders representing diverse industries throughout the greater Evansville, IN area.

IT Alliance Officers
  Michael E. Neeley – Chair
  David Smith – Chair-Elect
  Susan Everett MBA '99 – Immediate Past Chair
IT Alliance Sub Committee Officers
  David Smith – Chair: Student Interaction Committee
  Brian Beard – Chair: Faculty Interaction Committee
  Karen Fuchs – Chair: Program Vision & Curriculum Committee
  Terry Clements – Chair: Scholarship Committee

IT Alliance Sub Committee Updates

IT Alliance Student Interaction Committee (SIC)
David Smith – Chair
  Director Branch Systems Development
  Springleaf Financial Services
Ernie Nolan – Faculty Chair
  Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems and Faculty Advisor for the USI Student Chapter of AITP
  ➢ Competition Support - Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) National Collegiate Conference (NCC)
    o Ernie Nolan is doing a superb job in getting the students ready for the Conference Competition and ensuring that this is a funded event
    o Twelve students attended the 16th annual AITP National Collegiate Conference in Orlando Florida and competed in eight different contests. There were over 500 students in attendance at the conference representing more than 75 colleges and universities.
    o Emily Iannopollo placed 1st in the ICCP ACP Examination with 95 total students competing.
    o Ian Brand and Ayyad Alrshidi received an honorable mention in Web Application. There were a total of 20 teams in the competition.
    o Emily Iannopollo, Justin Neighbors, Rob Schnautz and Daytwon Stitts passed the ICCP ACP Examination (core plus 1 specialty).
    o Jeff VanVorst and Jerry Morgan passed the ICCP ACP core.

IT Alliance Student Interaction Committee (SIC) – (continued)

- ➢ Internship and Co-op Promotion
  - o We have nine companies that have participated in the internship program for CIS
  - o We have four companies that have participated in the Internship program for CS
- ➢ Mentoring Program
  - o Since the fall meeting on 28 Sep 2010, the primary focus of the SIC has been to drive the mentoring program
  - o The objective of the Mentoring Program is to expose the students to a real world IT department so they can understand the different opportunities available to them after graduation. This is done by having the student visit with various employees at the sponsoring company 6-8 hours per month
  - o The number of sponsor companies rose to 5 this year with American General, Ascension Health, Atlas World Group, Berry Plastics, and Red Spot Paint all agreeing to sponsor a mentee
  - o Last year only 3 students applied, and 1 dropped out before the program started
  - o An emphasis was placed on increasing the number of students applying to the program this year. A SIC Alliance member went on campus and spoke to targeted classes about the program and the benefits of participating
  - o Because of this added emphasis the number of students applying grew to 14
  - o The sponsoring companies were each assigned several applicants, interviewing each one and choosing one mentee per participating company
  - o Each company started the mentoring project during the last quarter of 2010. The mentoring project ran through the end of March 2011
  - o Since the project began, the mentoring program has had two students successfully complete the program
  - o We expect the program to evolve as we progress, more students, more company sponsorship, and better communication to the students

IT Alliance Faculty Interaction Committee:
Brian Beard – Chair
Jennifer Williams – Faculty Chair
  USI Faculty
- ➢ Professionals in the Classroom
    - o We have an ongoing program to bring industry professionals into the classroom to speak on different subjects. Current commitments:

Robert Woods	Deaconess Health System
Jason Hopp	Berry Plastics
Matt Mulherin	Keller Schroeder

- ➢ Faculty in the Real-World
    - o Brian Beard is coordinating with Abbey Foroughi on a program to bring the USI Faculty into the industry environment, visiting the different companies

Program Vision & Curriculum Committee:
Karen Fuchs – Chair
  Director Infrastructure Technology
  ComScore, Inc.
Scott Anderson – Faculty Chair
  USI Faculty
Curriculum Review
- ➢ Future Directions
    - o The curriculum guidelines were finalized over the summer giving us a clear understanding of the standards. We will wait until the new faculty gets settled and that their skills sets were clearly understood before we suggested further curriculum changes
    - o In collaboration with other disciplines (Graphic Arts, Communication, and Journalism) and based on feedback from student surveys and discussions with ITA Alliance members, an Interdisciplinary Enterprise Web Development Minor has been finalized and has been approved by the University Academic Planning Council and now will go to the COB and University Curriculum Committees for final approval.
    - o Based on feedback from student surveys and CIS/CS faculty meetings, preliminary CIS program modifications have been proposed that identify three tracks (IS Management, Enterprise Web Development, and Application Development), six new courses will be developed, and two courses will be revised. Faculty will present these plans to the IT Alliance at the spring, 2011 meeting, to obtain their feedback.

Scholarship Committee:
Terry Clements – Chair
 CIO
 Shoe Carnival, Inc.
  ➤ Scholarship Establishment and Support
   o We have four established scholarships:
    ▪ IT Alliance ($8,800 in the endowment account)
    ▪ Atlas World Group
    ▪ Keller Schroeder
    ▪ Shoe Carnival
   o In September 2010 the Foundation sent a letter from the ITA to all CS and CIS alumni requesting assistance for the ITA Scholarship
   o Competition Support
    ▪ This committee is also assisting Ernie Nolan in finding funding for the cost of getting the students to the AITP NCC Conference