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Brief Update

Because of time constraints, I postponed the full report of CIS/CS activities for our fall meeting. Here are just a few updates:

- A CS faculty was successfully hired— Gongjun Yan, Ph.D. Assistant and Professor of Informatics, at the School of Science at Indiana University-Kokomo. In addition to his expertise in CS, he also is interested in Mobile Application Development. Hopefully, you will get a chance to meet him at our fall meeting.

- Our department is collaborating with USI Outreach and Engagement and has met several times with CISCO representatives to create a CISCO Lab.
  - Initially, we will offer CISCO non-degree certificates to interested individuals in the community and students. A budget for this has been submitted, and we are waiting approval.

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- New CIS tracks fully implemented.
- CIS111 for redesigned to
  - introduce freshmen students to the CS and CIS fields, highlight their differences, emphasize career opportunities, and help students make the best choice for themselves.
- Faculty have developed common tests for use in all sections of CIS261. Will also divide the course into modules to align the course content with the various business functions.
- CIS305 and CIS151 students are participating in the University's Smarter Measure online readiness assessment.

Win-Win Strategy

Over the past two hours, we have been listening to highlights of great things happening in CIS and CS disciplines.

- This Win-Win strategy is possible because of the dedication and sense of ownership of the process. IT Alliance members and our faculty and students are very motivated, and our administrators are supportive and empower us to accomplish what you have witnessed today.

- I would like to thank our IT Alliance President, President- Elect , past presidents, and members for all they do for us, and for enabling us to create this Win-Win strategy.

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- I would also like to thank our faculty for their dedication and for accomplishing all of above activities in addition to teaching three different subjects, and in some cases, four courses, and for fulfilling research obligations and service to the department, the COB, the university, and the community.

- I would like thank our students for their clear understanding of what is at stake and for responding to faculty demands and expectations for excellence. By raising the bar for their own achievement, they will, in the end, make their employers happy and make us proud. By the way-- CIS and CS graduate have the best placement record at USI!

- I would like to thank Dean Khayum, whose continuous support and desire for excellence are the key to our success.

- Thanks also to Nancy Bizal, for connecting the dots to facilitate our collaboration with the IT Alliance.

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