



Technology (IT/CS) Advisory Committee Minutes

April 18, 2024, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Zoom - <https://lowercolumbia.zoom.us/j/4460300644>

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Tamra Gilchrist called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

II. MEETING MATERIALS

- a. [Google Drive](#)

III. INTRODUCTIONS:

Lower Columbia College

Jamie Martin

Tamra Gilchrist

Michaela Jackson

David Rosi

Stefan Rijnhart

Karissa Vickaryous - Recorder

K12

Ron Wright - Wahkiakum School District

Mike Price - Kelso School District

Wendy Droke - Kelso School District

Industry Members (*voting members)

*David Keegan - Fibre Federal Credit Union

*Tyler Ezell - Amazon/Splunk

*Daryl Warren - West Rock

*Erik Terrel - APF Technology Systems

*Seth Hart - City of Longview

*Ted Sprague - Cowlitz Economic
Development Council

*Ken Taylor - Steelscape

*Tim Kalimanis - Cowlitz PUD

*Elkan Wollenberg - Red Canoe Credit Union

David Wallis - City of Longview

Vickei Hrdina - Career Connect SW

*Sean Moore - Workforce SW WA

*Jamon Holmgren - Infinite Red

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Sean Moore moved to approve. Motion seconded. Approved.

V. TECH PROGRAMS SUMMARY:

- a. Two-year degrees
 - i. AAS-Information Technology Systems
 - ii. AS-T Computer Science
- b. Four-year degree (proposed)
 - i. BSCS

Tamra shared an overview of the tech programs offered at LCC.

VI. ADVISORY COMMITTEE OVERVIEW:

- a. Quick Facts
- b. How to Apply: To apply to serve on an LCC Advisory Committee, please complete the Advisory Committee Member Application Form

Michaela shared an overview of state requirements for Advisory Committees, what participation looks like for committee members, and the next steps for joining the committee.

VII. CHAIR APPOINTMENT:

Helps guide the committee and most work and planning is done via email and zoom. The responsibilities of the chair are mostly to run the meetings.

Nominations for a chair were made. Tim Kalimanis moved to approve. Mike Price seconded. Motion approved. Jamon is the chair, and Elkin is the Vice Chair.

VIII. CURRICULUM

- a. Program Description & End of Program Outcomes Discussion

- i. AAS-Information Technology Systems End of Program Outcomes

David Rosi shared an overview of Information Technology Systems - AAS end-of-program learning outcomes. Additional information containing course requirements, course descriptions, and outcomes is available in the Curriculum folder. Discussion was had around the program outcomes and outcomes that industry partners look for in hiring a person with a 2-year ITS degree including technical writing skills, basic competency in Github and Ui/UX, security, A+ and Network+, and network device skills. Any outcomes that are expected of an AA graduate should be added to the plan. Other outcomes, such as project management, would be included in a BSCS pathway.

- ii. BS-Computer Science update:

LCC submitted a Statement of Need to the State Board of Community & Technical Colleges demonstrating there is student demand for the degree and industry demand for program graduates.

The State Board received a grant from Amazon to help community colleges develop BSCS programs. Michaela shared the Program outcomes that were developed through that work. She will follow up the meeting with a survey for feedback.

IX. EDUCATION (LCC and K12) UPDATES

- a. LCC Updates: Enrollment/Student Success/Performance
- b. K12 Updates

Vicki shared about her work with Career Connect SW, a rural blended learning cooperative bringing IT fundamentals, AP Computer Science, and Network Systems Analyst pathways to high school students who previously did not have access.

X. INDUSTRY UPDATES

Discussion was had around AI as a trending topic among industry. Michaela added more about this topic will be discussed during the fall meeting.

Erik Terrel shared information about Fibre Credit Union's Lower Columbia Technology networking opportunity.

XI. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS

None at this time.

XII. NEXT MEETING (DATE/TIME/PLACE):

Michaela and Karissa will send a follow up email with the meeting materials, survey for BSCS program outcomes, and a survey for next meeting dates and modalities.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Michaela adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. NON DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

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