



**LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE** 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

## Information Technology/Computer Science ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5:30 p.m. LCC Main Building, Room 148

### **I. Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m.**

### **II. ATTENDEES**

Shelly Burpee, Kelso School District  
Jeff Haverlack, Red Canoe Credit Union  
Matt Pharr, LCC alumni  
Randy Webster, Cowlitz County  
Stefan Rijnhart, LCC  
Lynell Amundson, LCC

### **III. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **a) Program Updates**

What's new? Degree redesign/update

Stefan shared that curriculum is being updated to reflect current standards in the IT/Computer Science field. CompTIA recently released several new exams; a "cloud" class is being taught for the first time this quarter, using CompTIA's Cloud+ track. LCC faculty have developed a "big data" class with plans to roll it out Spring 2020. Jeff Haverlack told the group big data/business information/data analytics is the next wave of expertise businesses will be looking for; board members strongly support having this topic as part of IT program.

Ten IT/Computer Science students graduate June 2019.

#### **b) Enrollment Update**

Stefan shared that enrollment is down in programs across campus, not only in Information Technology/Computer Science. Faculty are actively recruiting. Marketing efforts are being increased. Pamphlets have been created for LCC Professional/Technical programs, IT pamphlet shared with board members. Coaster are being created to advertise LCC programs at local establishments. Faculty and staff have been participating in job fairs, youth employment events.

#### **c) Member news**



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Board members discussed difficulty in finding qualified candidates; jobs are posted for months at multiple sites without getting qualified candidates to respond; some jobs posted as long as 18 months; most applicants coming from out of area; how can businesses get introduction to LCC students, discussion of cooperative education opportunities.; consider posting jobs with LCC's Career Center or visiting classroom. Suggestion to host an Information Technology/Computer Science career fair. Jeff is retiring from Red Canoe in September, suggested to invite Russ Peters to serve as board member.

**IV. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- a)** LCC received LCC Foundation Grant to host open house events during the 2019-2020 Academic Year for the Business/Accounting/Information Technology program; board members and community members at large will be invited to come to campus to see what LCC has to offer.
- b)** NEXT MEETING (DATE/TIME/PLACE): 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, location TBD

**V. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**