Information Technology Advisory Committee Minutes

Computer Information Systems – Internet Technologies – Network Administration

Spring 2005 –
March 15, 5:00 p.m.

Instructors Present: Scott Cline, Kurt Berger, Scott Baker, Joe Roman

Advisory Committee Members Present:
David Baker – Benefits Link
Judy Chapman – DNET
Dan Clapper – Western Carolina University
David Cox – Stanberry Insurance
Murphy Hunting – Smoky Mountain Computers
David Kochersberger – Southwestern Community College
Shawn Remacle – Westcare Health Systems
John Tyndall – Fontana Regional Library Systems

Minutes:
- Scott Cline started the meeting welcoming everyone
- Faculty Introductions
- Advisory Committee Member Introductions
- Scott Cline presented a PowerPoint on the statewide changes affecting all community colleges and more specifically how it would affect SCC’s IT Programs
- Discussed the seven core classes and current implementation into our current CIS and ITN programs
- Shawn expressed a concern about using MySQL when large companies use large databases such as Oracle. Scott C mentioned that we had to focus on our service area. David Kochersberger mentioned that we had tried to teach Oracle classes in the past and there was no demand from the students. Judy Chapman said that DNET uses SQL Server. David Baker mentioned looking into the PostGRE database.
- Scott C. showed the path where students could basically decide what degree they want to pursue after their first or second semester. Everyone was supportive of this.
- Dan Clapper asked if our CIS certificate was going to be offered online. Scott Cline told him that currently it was not, but we might look at offering it online in the future.
- We talked about 4 year transfer options with ECU, UNCC, and WCU. Dan Clapper asked if we had increased our liberal studies. We told him it has stayed the same.
- Kurt Berger asked how the members felt about certifications. Shawn Remacle said that a certification would not matter to him. Judy Chapman agreed with him. David Kochersberger said that work experience was more important to him.
• Scott Baker asked how many people were using Linux. No one was using Linux as a front end and very few were using it as a backend. David Cox mentioned that none of the software he used would run on Linux. John Tyndall agreed. The overwhelming theme was that everyone had the same problem. The software they used would not run on Linux. Scott Cline asked if we should be teaching Linux. There was a clear consensus that everyone felt that we should still be teaching Linux.
• We adjourned the meeting at 6:00 and continued discussion at dinner.