

CIS – Networking Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
March 2nd, 2012  
Pachanga’s Restaurant, Eureka Ca

In attendance: Dan Calderwood (College of the Redwoods), Chris Romero (College of the Redwoods), Mike Glass (Infinite Consulting), Steve Jones (Kokatat), Michael Roney (Umpqua Bank).

Meeting started at 12:15pm

1.
  - a) Dan talked about program brochure updates and video outreach efforts.
  - b) Chris asked attendees for recommendations of colleagues, from an under-represented population such as women or minorities, that would be willing to come and speak to a CIS Cohort. No immediate suggestions were provided. A discussion ensued about the number of women in the attendees own IT departments. Steve Jones, 0. Michael Roney, 1 out of 14. Mike Glass, 0. Dan then reviewed the Core Indicator report. Dan and Chris then discussed the 2012-2013 CTEA proposal and its emphasis on recruiting women into the program and on improving the completion rates.
  - c) Dan and Chris reviewed assessment activities from Spring 2011 and Fall 2011
  - d) Dan gave an overview of our accreditation status and activities
  - e) Chris gave an overview of College of the Redwoods’s budget issues
  - f) Chris gave an overview of the presidential search.
2. Chris asked for feedback on current industry trends and/or skill-set changes.

Steve Jones - shared their continued use of Microsoft Share Point services. Dan shared that recent CTEA funding has allowed for evaluation of virtualization software that could open the door for the integration of Share Point services into the curriculum.

Michael Roney – shared that experience with network security issues would be useful to students graduating from our program.

Mike Glass – shared that experience with server virtualization and network security would be valuable assets for students coming out of our program.

Dan shared how the current budget issues at College of the Redwoods are preventing us from offering additional courses that could cover these topics, but once past the current economic issues, we were poised to address the recommendations.

3. Chris asked for feedback on the employment outlook.

Steve Jones – no needs at this time, but continues to look for opportunities for CIS students.

Michael Roney – shared there is a fair amount of turnover in the IT department and there is talk of a reorganization that might lead to more positions. He will keep us in the loop.

Mike Glass – no needs at this time.

4. Chris asked for other program input. None was offered.
5. Chris asked for attendees to think about recommendations for other board members from their professional contacts.
6. The next focused meeting will be scheduled in Spring 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.