

CIS – Networking Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
March 2nd, 2018  
Rita’s Restaurant, Eureka Ca

In attendance: Dan Calderwood (College of the Redwoods), Chris Romero (College of the Redwoods), Aaron McVanner (Kokatat), Michael Roney (Umpqua Bank), Marc Chaton (Redwood Capital Bank), Robert Pollard (Blue Lake Rancheria).

Meeting started at 12:00pm

1) Announcements

- a) Chris gave an update on the Strong Workforce grant. A breakdown of the equipment purchased, training completed and year three plans were shared with the group. Marc Chaton asked about specific security hardware plans. A discussion about the efficacy of security hardware when little to no traffic is present ensued. It was agreed that the virtualized lab approach served the students better.
- b) Chris shared that CIS 37 was on the books for Fall 2018.
- c) Dan shared our plans to pay Cabrillo College for access to their virtualized Cisco curriculum and equipment in order to support students at non-Eureka campuses.
- d) Dan handed out the recent newsletter showcasing one of our past students. He shared that the newsletter was distributed to the entire Northern California region.
- e) Chris updated the group on other student successes. In particular the string of industry certificate exams that several students have recently passed. Both Cisco and CompTia exam certifications were discussed.

2) Dan asked the group for input on pursuing Python as our main programming language. None of the members felt it was necessary.

3) Industry trends: none mentioned

4) Skill-set needs

- a) Marc Chaton re-iterated that students should develop skills in reading syslogs. Dan stated he covers this in one of his classes.

5) Marc mentioned that his department was looking to hire an IT technician. He stressed the importance of great communication skills along with the candidate’s strong interest in discovering new solutions on their own.

6) Dan asked for other program input. None was offered.

7) The next Board meeting will be scheduled in Spring 2019.

8) Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm