2014-2015
Annual-End-of -Year Committee Report

Committee Name: Vernon College Computer and Information Sciences Advisory Committee

Chairperson: Stephen Caldwell

List of members: Stephen Caldwell, John Ranson**,** Javentino Quintanilla, Karen Kicks Fite, Matt Prescott, Jayson Weiss, Kevin Wherry, Paul Gallagher, Lonnie Crawford, Anthony Kirby

Dates of meetings: November 13, 2014--12:00 PM

- **Accomplishments:**
- Filled committee positions: Stephen Caldwell elected Chairperson, and Kevin Wherry elected Recorder
- Enrolled: Fall 13-42 Computer Information Science, 31 Computer Sciences
- Follow-up Success rate: 12 grads, 89% employed, attending college, military, self-employed
- Discontinue the Cisco Network Academy however; keep Certification based content in generic courses. Implement Cyber Security within various courses and continue teaching all Operating Systems and Virtual Server.
- Purchased equipment with Perkins funds: 6 additional 2900 Series routers to accommodate the new CISCO curriculum, Humanoid Robots for the Programming course and (6) Laptops for Network configurations.
- Professional Development: With the new technology most training and keeping up with the newest technology can be completed online through WebEx online training and numerous CompTIA web seminars.
- Promoted program: Sophomore Roundup, visits high schools, tours and GenTex.

Recommendations:
Update: As suggested in the last meeting, the needs of the Veterans and handicapped were reviewed. Sharon collaborated with Workforce Solutions to encourage enrollment. The past semester showed increased registration of returning veterans and handicapped. Members suggest keeping up with current technology and continuing with curriculum outlined.

As recommended to change the Cisco Academy courses, the new catalog reflecting these changes is in the final stages. As mentioned at the meeting, it will give the Computer and Information Science program more flexibility in the offerings of network base materials no specific to Cisco.

Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address:
http://www.vernoncollege.edu/CollegeEffectiveness/Committees.aspx

Submitted by: *Sharon Wallace*

Date submitted: April 9, 2015