

2013-2014 Annual-End-of -Year Committee Report

Committee Name: Computer and Information Science

Chairperson: Manuel Lopez

List of members: Stephen Caldwell, Mike Campbell, Joe Coffey, Miles Henderson, Mary Prater, John Ranson, Javentino Quintanilla, Karen Hick Fite

Dates of meetings: November 14, 2013

Accomplishments: Reviewed current courses taught and related materials and approved. Also, discussed changes to the Computer Information Science Associate and Certificate degrees to reflect the reduction of the degree hours to 60. These changes involved deleting courses offered and moving other course from electives to required, thus eliminating redundancy and overlapping of course materials. We also discussed offering certificated consisting of just the certification courses and all were approved. Currently, these changes are scheduled to be implemented upon the changes to the College catalog this coming fall and want to assure the transition for students will be minor if any. Discussed possible improvements to the program through enhancing new technology and software, review overall enrollment and goals.

Recommendations: Committee members agreed the program is well defined in what is offered and what is taught to the students. Committee recommends Vernon College continue to offer up-to-date course materials, usage of equipment related to the course offerings. Suggestions were offered to investigate why high school graduates do not enroll in workforce programs and find effective means for recruiting this age group. Membership suggestions: Suggestions were made concerning the program, specifically teaching virtual technology, offerings in VPN's and software imaging to enhance current offerings, which were agreed on. Some of the Committee member offered to find a way to allow the Computer and Information Science student complete practicum courses with their businesses and will follow-up on what is required at their businesses to allow this.

Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address:

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Minutes of 11-12-2013 Advisory Committee meeting

Submitted by: Sharon Wallace

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