

CTEC Advisory Board Meeting

October 7, 2021

Attendees

Cesar Marrero, Xentient Technologies	Paul Spivey, BPCC
Chris Rondeau, BPCC	Paul Weaver, BPCC
Chris Stephens, GDIT	Randy Haley, BPCC
Chuck Gardner, Cyber Innovation Center	Rhonda Neil, BPCC
Curtis Penrod, Northwestern State	Ricardo Scarello Jr., BPCC
Cynthia Johnson, BPCC	Ron Cotsopoulos, BPCC
Donna Johnson, Louisiana Tech	Sandra Harvey, BPCC
Dr. Angelia Childs, BPCC	Scott Isaacs, LSUS
Eddie Horton, Northwestern State	Sharon Gollett, BPCC
Jeff Holcomb, Bossier Parish Schools	Steven Melton, GDIT
Jennifer McCoy, BPCC	Steven Turner, BPCC
Kenisha Lewis, BPCC	Stewart Thompson, Bossier Parish Schools
Mack Slaughter, Allegiance	Stormy Epps, BPCC
Madison Poche, BPCC	Thomas Woods, Magee Resources
Mark Summers, GDIT	Travis Venerble, Seven Networks
Maurice Williams, BPCC	Wendi Plants, BPSTIL
Megan Bange, BPCC	

The meeting was held virtually through Zoom due to Covid restrictions. Megan Bange, Dean of Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, called the meeting to order. Megan welcomed all that were in attendance and thanked them for their flexibility with the change of platform for the meeting.

The following agenda was built for this meeting:

Welcome and Program Updates

- Welcome and Covid Impact on programs – Megan Bange
- Step Up Program – CTC Help Desk & New Program – CTC Network Security – Paul Spivey
- LACEC (Louisiana Cyber Education Center) – Megan Bange/Bryan Dickens (Cybint)

Discussion Items

- Covid related impact on industry – Board Members
- First Semester Mapping – Paul Spivey/Board Members
- Overview of program/job mapping - CIS jobs, expectations, skills – Jen McCoy/Board Members
- Current and future hiring needs – Board Members
- Skills gaps and successes – Board Members
- Certification – Board Members

Voting Information

Voting items were sent via surveymonkey to the advisory board. Listed below are the voting items and the result of the vote.

Vote 1: **APPROVED**

To officially create the CTC in Cloud Computing with the following topic areas/courses (IT Software, Networking, Cloud, and Advanced Cloud). CTEC 114 - IT Software Support, CTEC 155 - Network Essentials, CTEC 263 - Cloud+, and CTEC 264 - Advanced Cloud Computing

Rationale: This provides a program for students and existing workforce to acquire advanced cloud knowledge and industry certifications such as CompTIA Network+ and Cloud+ as well as AWS certifications.

Vote 2: APPROVED

Continued pursuit of CTC in Fiber Optics with the following topics/courses:

- CTEC 125 - Fiber I Mapped to CFOT (Certified Fiber Optic Technician)
- CTEC 126 - Fiber II Mapped to CFOS/S (Certified Fiber Optic Specialist, Splicing) CFOS/C (Certified Fiber Optic Specialist, Connectors) CFOS/T (Certified Fiber Optic Specialist, Testing)
- CTEC 127 - Fiber III Mapped to CFOS/O (Certified Fiber Optic Specialist, Outside Plant Installation) CFOS/FC (Certified Fiber Optic Specialist, Fiber Characterization) CFOS/H (Certified Fiber Optic Specialist, Fiber to the Home/Premises/Curb/Node)

Rationale: This provides a program for students and existing workforce to acquire advanced fiber optic knowledge and industry certifications focusing on splicing, terminating, testing, etc. through the Fiber Optic Association.

Vote 3: APPROVED

Create an alternative help desk class CTEC 119 mapped to HDI(Help Desk Institute) Support Center Analyst (HDISCA) HDI Support Center Analyst (HDISCA) - focuses on support center strategies for effective customer service, emphasizing problem-solving and troubleshooting skills, contact handling procedures, incident management, communication skills, and an introduction to service management process.

Rationale: This will provide two help desk course options for students in the CIS and Help Desk programs since pricing for HDI is high but in demand in industry.

Vote 4: APPROVED

To reapprove existing hours (60) and learning outcomes for the AAS Computer Information Systems degree program.

Learning Outcomes: students will be able to:

- A. accurately read and communicate technical information;
- B. analyze current technology issues;
- C. develop solutions to technology issues;
- D. demonstrate skills for entry-level employment in information technology; and
- E. identify basic business terminology, concepts, and principles.

Vote 5: APPROVED

To reapprove existing hours (60) and learning outcomes for the AAS Cyber Security degree program.

Learning Outcomes: students will be able to:

- A. read and interpret technical literature and convey technical information through verbal and written communication;
- B. analyze critically and solve real-world security issues understanding the legal and ethical concerns;
- C. demonstrate security awareness in order to react to new developments in their field;
- D. utilize critical thinking skills to collect, analyze, and interpret technical data collected through investigation and experimentation; and
- E. implement computer networks and firewalls both physically and logically.

Vote 6: APPROVED

To reapprove existing hours (60) and learning outcomes for the AAS Software Development degree program. Learning Outcomes: students will be able to:

- A. develop original programs using creative problem solving;
- B. debug and test software;
- C. describe, implement and use common software algorithms and data structure;
- D. apply Object Oriented Programming principles such as Encapsulation, Inheritance, Polymorphism, and Design Patterns;

- E. collaborate on coding projects using tools such as AGILE, version control systems and basic communication skills; and
- F. develop applications for multiple platforms.

Vote 7: **APPROVED**

To reapprove existing hours (60) and learning outcomes for the AAS Systems Administration degree (Cloud Computing) program. Learning Outcomes: students will be able to:

- A. read and interpret technical literature and convey technical information through verbal and written communication;
- B. apply the concepts, characteristics, delivery models, benefits of cloud computing;
- C. demonstrate an understanding of access controls used in on-premise and cloud networks;
- D. utilize critical thinking skills to collect, analyze, and interpret system logs and user audits; and
- E. apply best security practices to secure cloud and on- premise hosts, and the network infrastructure.

Vote 8: **APPROVED**

To reapprove existing hours (60) and learning outcomes for the AAS Systems Administration degree (DevOps) program. Learning Outcomes: students will be able to:

- A. read and interpret technical literature and convey technical information through verbal and written communication;
- B. apply the concepts, characteristics, delivery models, benefits of cloud computing;
- C. demonstrate an understanding of access controls used in on-premise and cloud networks;
- D. utilize critical thinking skills to collect, analyze, and interpret system logs and user audits; and
- E. apply best security practices to secure cloud and on- premise hosts, and the network infrastructure.

PowerPoint and voting item slides are available upon request.