Owens Community College

Wide Area Networking Major Advisory Meeting
Date: April 12, 2012
Location: Owens Community College, IET 130
Industrial Attendees: John Butson, Bob Hanna, Dan Niedzwiecki, John Rust, Dave Schuck
Student Attendee:
Owens Attendees: John Hrivnyak, Stan Paige, Jacey Parks, Glenn Rettig, Jay Taylor, Randy Wharton

Topic	Discussion/Rationale	Recommendation/Decision/Action
Call to Order and Review of Previous Minutes	• The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chair Bob Hanna. • Officers for the year were elected.	• Minutes of the spring 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved and can be found on the Owens web site under Academics, then the appropriate program. • Chair–Dan Niedziecki, Vice Chair–Dave Schuck, Secretary-John Butson
Enrollment and Retention Report	• WAN program enrollment figures for the last four years are 58, 59, 76 and 89, respectively. • The College as a whole has had a decrease in head count. • There has been an increased emphasis on retention of students by the State, so the funding formula is now based on retaining students. • Students who are taking developmental classes are not truly WAN students until they start taking the program's technical courses.	• The CCNA class enrollments are dropping. Jay Taylor did not believe there would be enough students to run the CCNP classes in the fall.
Faculty Report	• Jay Taylor reported that a search team is being formed to hire the replacement for his former full-time position. He currently is chairing the search committee for the EET Chair (Nerur Satish's) position. They are in the process of reviewing applications and will soon be conducting interviews. • The net lab pods are all up and running. There are 5 net lab pods for students to log into from off-campus and do their labs as if they are in the classroom. They are able to do all the configuration needed remotely. • Forensics and security courses are doing well. A Honeynet was put together so the class (divided into two groups) could do penetration testing. • The security appliances class is having fun with firewalls.	• Jay Taylor stated that enabling students to have remote access is valuable because that is how much of it is done in industry. • EET 243 Information Assurance needs to be put on the class schedule for next spring as it is replacing EET 288 Network Troubleshooting.
Student Report	• No student was present to report.	
Outcomes Assessment Status Report	• Competencies for the WAN program will change as the curriculum evolves.	• The advisory committee will be reviewing one course at each of the upcoming advisory meetings to determine if the competencies are relevant.

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Outcomes Competency Validation	• There are industry standard competencies in all areas of WAN Technology.	• There are Cisco system-wide validation for these programs and competencies.
Professional Development, Partnerships and Articulation	• There have been some changes in the local Cisco Academy reporting structure. This will not affect how classes run or operate. • The program has been affiliated with TRECCA, but will probably change to Moraine CCC which is cheaper. • There are no formal articulation agreements with high schools. Anyone who comes in with academy classes or a CCNA has been allowed to waive those classes.	• There is no longer a regional Cisco group for training instructors. The School of Technology (SoT) will now have to pay to have new instructors trained. Loraine has an instructor training academy whereas TRECCA doesn't. Rules are becoming stricter – instructors will have to demonstrate before they can teach to ensure quality.
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	• See Faculty Report. • IP phone systems and cloud computing were discussed. Both topics are covered in the current curriculum.	
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	• See Faculty Report. • Randy Wharton, former Chair of Design Technologies, took the Dean's position last December. • A number of School of Technology (SoT) positions are vacant due to retirements and reassignments. The plan is to have most of the positions filled within the next year. • The SoT has the potential to expand into the 65,000 sq. ft. high bay facility that was part of the old Penta complex. This building will be renovated to house Skilled Trades, Manufacturing, and Automotive programs. Other SoT programs will be able to expand into the space that is vacated.	• Jacey Parks was introduced as the School of Technology Advising Manager. The School has roughly 4,800 students which are managed by Jacey and her team of four part-time advisors.
Accreditation Status	• The EET Department programs are accredited by ATMAE (formerly NAIT) through 2015.	
Other	• Members were thanked for their commitment and service. • The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.	