

Chairman – Alan Schmditz

Secretary – Sonya Riedel

Reviewed last meeting notes

It was suggested we get testimonials from students or businesses that may hire students and put them on our Mstate website.

Enrollment – Dan indicated it Increased this Semester.

Jim asked what do we attribute that to. Dan – Marketing did a good job and also encouraged new students by telling them we start them at the beginning. Jim suggested people are becoming more aware of jobs in the field since help desk people are seen now. (Real Pictures)

Technology changes - Adding Security

Dan - In an effort to streamline the programs at MState we combined Network Administration and Network Security. (I Provided the proposed classes)

Jim - It might be a good idea but we don't want to have a philosophy that gets away from what we're trying to do.

Shane - Do they need all that security? I agree it's important but not 5 classes important. Also says they might not need all 4 Cisco classes and asks if they can make them an or class option.

Dan - Explained we can have the **OR** option but we were concerned too many classes with the **OR** options would not be accepted by administration. It may be hard to have that many classes available to teach.

Jim - said it's not a bad concept but asks the question- "is it redundant information?". and suggests we be careful not to repeat information.

Sonya says it's good to have repeated information early on but maybe not in the later classes

Jim - He suggests they need to get the concepts for security but we can't do it all and keep 66 credits. He asks if we can challenge the security program to take 5 credits and put it into 3 classes. In looking at the other schools in the waiver information provided he noted Hibbing has the most security credits with 6.

Alan - suggested Linux could be in MOS and shane liked Linux and uses it. They all agreed MOS didn't need the full class.

Dan - said we teach IPAD's set up and operation in MOS also.

Waiver -

Dan asked if we reduce 2 classes in the program and suggested Enterprise Networking might be an example of one of them, how might it effect the outcomes. Do you support the waiver?

Jim - supports the waiver as it affects a little of most of the outcomes. He asked what are the other schools are doing about the reduction to 60 credits.

All agreed that some of most of the outcomes would be diminished and undesirable.

DAN- I don't know for sure what the plan is in DL. I know they teach the distance for Network Administration.

Jim and Allen requested an update when more was known on what will be happening at all the campuses

Jim- wanted to make sure that we maintain quality in schools a lot was talked about the 63 credits was supported but they didn't think they needed more classes on operating systems.

- Administer
- Computer networking
- Enterprise
- Trouble shooting

Jim- wanted to know what other towns around the area are doing to get the word out for recruiting

Student(Sonya) – requests a helper in the classroom especially with the classes getting bigger and with DL closing there Networking.

Allen and Jim - Suggest getting a student on an internship to help out in the class room. Tied into CEP, student work program.

Equipment Recommendations

Dan – Need to upgrade our equipment and add servers.

Joey – Win8 may not install on older systems

Dan – May need servers

Alan – With VMWare can run most everything

Dan – We need more hard drive space for the VMWare

Dan – Need ticketing software

Alan – Spice works monitors entire Network

Joey – Security Essentials, Spybot, Malware, Ninite

Dan – How can we get help with donations for the leverage equip[ment] program?

Jim – send us information about what equipment donations would qualify for leveraging value. If we donate our old equipment will they match funds?

Alan – Maybe should have another meeting in December when you know more.

Other Business

The board supports industry visits

Jim – suggests a day to invite several industry people to present