

Computer Information Systems Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: September 15, 2025

External Participants:

David Klick – Retired Kishwaukee College Computer Information Systems Professor

Vickie Klick – Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, Nokia

Dale Boughton – Services Manager, SunDogIT, Inc.

Adam Larson – Assistant Superintendent, Oregon Community School District 220

Internal Participants:

Jessica Berek – Dean of Instruction

Jescelynne Gibbons – Associate Dean of Instruction

Pamela Pascolini – Office Systems Faculty

David Wessel – Adjunct Instructor

Terry Lyn Funston – Director of Curriculum and Program Development

RJ McGarry – Executive Director of Campus Operations & Technology

I. College Updates

A. FY26 College Goals

- i. All-In Tuition Program started in Summer 2025
 1. Textbooks are included in the cost of tuition.
 2. Tuition is \$160 per credit hour.
- ii. Partnership with ReUp Education
 1. Reaches out to students that have not completed and creates a partnership to bring students back to college.
- iii. Fall 2025 credit hour enrollment up 5.4%.
- iv. Career and Technical Education Open House on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 5:00-7:00pm in the Caukin building.

B. College Coursework on Communication Skills

- i. Course revision in progress for Communications 108 – Communication in the Workplace and English 109 – Intro to Technical Report Writing
 1. Seeking feedback from employers about what topics and specific examples come to mind where new employees need support.
 2. Committee completed survey to review current courses and provide examples.

- II. Department Updates
 - A. Fall Semester Updates
 - i. Department Enrollment
 - 1. CIS Department: Fall 2024 – 666 credits; Fall 2025 – 742 credits.
 - ii. Curriculum updates
 - 1. Spring 2025: CIS 283 and CIS 285 courses merged.
 - 2. Updated college program planners to reflect curriculum updates.
 - 3. Updating program planners, streamlining curriculum and adjusting the rotation of courses to meet student, industry and enrollment needs.
 - B. Program Facilities and Class Modalities
 - i. Computer Information Systems Lab Completed
 - 1. Students now have access to 12 workstations to complete CIS coursework. Kish IT was essential in creating this lab.
 - 2. Gullman stated that having the lab completed is creating a classroom environment that is contributing positively to team building and enhancing communication among the students.
 - ii. Face-to-face and hybrid modalities
 - 1. Students appreciate the option to attend in person and virtually.
- III. Partner Updates
 - A. Hiring/Labor Market Needs
 - i. Business partners are seeing an increase in AI use in applicants' resumes.
 - 1. Can see the benefit of the use of AI tools in applicant resumes provided that applicants can substantiate the information presented.
 - 2. The use of AI has produced challenges in the hiring process; when applicants interview, skills and experiences described do not match what is listed on their resume.
 - ii. Business partners shared that the industry has very few qualified applicants but are hiring candidates that have certifications and are willing to learn. Candidates need the ability to critically think, communicate, and have interpersonal skills.
 - iii. Business partners shared that there is a need to communicate professionally both verbally and electronically within a teamwork environment.