



Computer Information Systems (CIS) Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: October 19, 2026

External Participants:

Dale Boughton – President, SunDogIT, Inc.

Adam Larson – Assistant Superintendent, Oregon Community Unit School District 220

Internal Participants:

Jescelynne Gibbons – Dean of Instruction

Kristine Adzovic – Associate Dean of Instruction

Paul Gullman – Computer Information Systems Faculty

Pamela Pascolini – Office Systems Faculty

LaCretia Konan – Associate Vice President of Community Engagement

Terry Lyn Funston – Director of Curriculum & Program Development

Brett Williams – Director of Grants

Stacey Alden – System Administrator and Security Engineer – IT

Catherine Macias – Administrative Specialist

I. College Updates

A. FY27 College Goals

- i. Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) are being revised to emphasize essential employability skills across all programs.

B. Digital Badges

- i. Digital badges are verified credentials that showcase student achievements and skills; while employers have not commonly seen them in hiring materials, external partners indicated they would attract further attention.

C. College Events

- i. The college hosted a successful Career and Technical Education (CTE) Open House on October 15, 2026.
- ii. Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting: November 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
- iii. Fundraiser Event: Evening at Kish on November 5, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- iv. Spring Advisory: Joint advisory committee meeting on April 7, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

II. Department Updates

A. Fall Semester Updates

- i. Overall college enrollment is down slightly (-1.7%).



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- ii. CIS Enrollment: Overall enrollment declined by (-27.8%), representing approximately 206 credit hours.
- iii. Meta Grant for Cybersecurity certification
 - 1. Kishwaukee is exploring a grant application to support development of a cybersecurity micro certificate as well as a cybersecurity tool called Hack the Box.
- iv. CIS Curriculum updates
 - 1. CIS-270 Linux Server Fundamentals
 - a. The former Linux Administration course was advanced, hands-on training in Linux installation, system administration, networking, storage management, and troubleshooting.
 - i. External partners shared that Linux Administration skills are foundational in modern It environments and should remain part of student learning.
 - 2. Additional Google Certifications
 - a. The college has access to 500 Google-funded Coursera licenses, expanding student access to industry-recognized certificates.

III. Partner Updates

A. Hiring/Labor Market Needs

- i. External partners identified Artificial Intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, soft skills, communication, customer service, and technical writing skills, particularly the ability to communicate technical information to non-technical audiences.

B. Other Updates

- i. Gibbons announced to expand the Computer Information Systems (CIS) advisory committee meeting and encouraged external partners to recommend potential new partners.