

CIS/CSC/CAT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: 3-17-23 9am

Meeting Location: ATEC -118

Attendees (Name, Title, Company/Organization):

Alfonso Anaya, CFO, Kids That Code

Aaron Campbell, CFO, SolvedIT LLC.

John Coverdale, Norco College

James Finley, Norco College

Stacy Hartfiel

- ii. Computer Programming Certificate
- iii. Java Programming Certificate

4. Attendee Introductions

- a. Avi Nair – Industry Sector Manager, ICT & Digital Media, SBCCD/IEDRC
- b. Aaron Campbell - Small business owner, SolvedIT
- c. Keri Then - RCCD Board Trustee
- d. Cameron Perry - former Norco College Student, Kids That Code
- e. Jose Navarrete - teaches finance at Cal State San Bernardino, Kids That Code
- f. Alfonso Anaya - CFO, Kids That Code - asked if Python has been integrated in our courses.
 - i. James Finley said yes, but that it's been a slow-moving process.
- g. Stacy Hartfiel - Bellevue University, Cerro Coso Community College Advisory Board, Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board – looking to bridge pathways between education and training to get into the field quicker.
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- iv. Jessiah said presentational and team aspects are incorporated into classes.
- b. Is _____ being looked at in Norco College (Stacy)?
 - i. John said it is not, but it is at RCC. The department is trying not to undermine and avoid duplication.
- c. Which direction should our programs lean towards? What specific technologies versus general principles (Finley)?
 - i. Aaron Campbell – students need critical thinking to connect what they've learned to what they'll be doing.
 - ii. Keri Then – the future is digital ledgers. Students must have exposure to fundamentals starting with Computer Science on what digital ledgers and blockchain look like.
- d. What areas of interest would the committee like to see (Ruiz)?
 - i. Aaron – offer students basic introduction on specialized data (like engineering)
 - ii. Stacy – students need exposure to all different pathways and need critical thinking aspect to determine which is the best pathway for their career of choice. They also need exposure through internships and apprenticeships so that they are job ready.
- e. How are students exposed to real world experience here at Norco College (Aaron Campbell)?
 - i. Not profoundly, there is a challenge in creating/manufacturing data that feels real and relevant to the students.
- f. Can a general person that knows nothing about CIS jump straight into CIS classes here at Norco College (Nicole Roby)?
 - i. James Finley – absolutely
- g. What Soft Skills need to be included in CIS Curriculum (Coverdale)?
 - i. Zainab – how to give constructive criticism.
 - ii. Stacy – collaboration, professionalism, know the value of your work
 - iii. Alfonso – responsibility and punctuality
 - iv. Jose – Foster entrepreneurial skills
 - v. Aaron – communication skills, be able to sell your product, delivery.
- 6. Closing remarks
 - i. Norco faculty enjoy helping students from all backgrounds and see them succeed in CIS programs.
 - ii. Norco faculty will look at CIS-2 and CIS-21
- 7. Advisory Adjournment: 10:17am