# Computer Science Advisory Board

# Meeting Minutes

UAA ENGR 342

Friday, November 8, 2013

Board Members:

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| **☒Jeremiah Dunham**  President, Design-PT  Board Chair | **☒ Lance Ahern**  CIO, Municipality of Anchorage | **☒ Jazon Burnell**  Game Developer and Co-Founder, Catapult Consulting |
| **☒Natalia Gavrish**  Software Developer, PangoMedia | * **Russell Girten**   VP, Network Service Delivery, Alaska Communications | **☒Brian Walch**  Director of Human Resources, Resource Data Inc. |
| **☒Jim Weller**  Senior Infrastructure Analyst, Alaska USA Federal Credit Union | **☒DJ Enriquez**  Project Engineer, Honeywell |  |

Other Attendees:

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| **☒ Kenrick Mock**  Department Head, CS&E, UAA | **☒ Dana Collins**  Admin Assistant, CS&E, UAA |

1. **Call to order at 12:05pm**
2. Introductions
3. Approved agenda and meeting minutes.
4. Are there ethical concerns or considerations with regard to the Board members?

* None.

1. Reports

**Brian Walch:** Brian brought up computer science education week (December 5-12, 2013) and the hour of code. Desire to get UAA involved in it.

**Lance Ahern:**

* + Maker Faire group is working to get space; goal is to get moved in by January 1, 2014.
  + Code for Anchorage (part of Code for America) group went to San Francisco. Becky Boone from RDI is moving to San Francisco on January 1 to be part of Code for America for a year.
  + The Boardroom – a co-working space – just opened downtown. Ping pong tournament will be held there in a few weeks.
  + 49SAF just closed its most recent round of review for direct funding. Its focus has shifted to funding investment funds.
  + There is a FabLab at CITC, but no one on the board has connections to this.

**Jim Weller:** Discussion ensued about the Master’s Degree program. Dana reported that approval process is progressing. We need to provide letters of support for the program – Lance will draft the letters and send them Dana and Kenrick.

**Kenrick Mock:** Kenrick is absent. Dana reported that there is no news on barriers/issues with time to graduation.

**Jazon Burnell:** Jazon provided an update on the newsletter. He described the goals of the newsletter and the ways board members can help. Board members can help get people signed up by promoting the newsletter and can also contribute articles/content of interest.

1. New Business

**Jeremiah Dunham:** Discussion about setting board goals for the year. Jazon suggested that the goals of the newsletter would be good general goals for the board. Lance brought up the idea of doing a high school-focused event. Dana offered to invite Cricket Watt, Student Success Manager, to the next board meeting to talk more about high school-focused events. One goal for the board will be to meet our targets for the newsletter – currently 2 per semester. Lance offered to invite Andy Holleman to the next board meeting. Andy used to work on science curriculum for ASD.

Jim pointed out that our goals should pertain to the board’s specific activities. Dana discussed an idea that came out of the newsletter committee about an end of the year mixer. Lance reported that February 22-25, 2014 is the ASTE Conference.

Goals:

1. We will get out 2 newsletters next semester.
2. We will get 150 subscribers to the newsletter by the end of next semester.
3. We will get 10 letters of support for the Master’s Degree programs by the end of 2013.

**Adjournment. 1:00pm**