# 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 12:18pm**
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 noted that there is a big Federal grant for getting students IT training. Microsoft is a key partner. Contact him for more details.

Jazon spoke about AKCodeCrew, a volunteer group to help teach kids programming. There has been space donated at the Northway Mall. This is being led by Jon Bittner at AEDC and Geoff Wright at PangoMedia. Targeted at middle school students. UAA may get involved – faculty or staff.

Jeremiah brought up that there is an opportunity to work with Girl Scouts of Alaska. Contact Jeremiah for more details.

**Lance Ahern:**

* + Alaska Maker group has leased space, behind Taproot at 1406 W 33rd Ave.
  + Code for Anchorage (part of Code for America) Brigade is doing an event on 2/21. See [http://www.codeforamerica.org/codeacross-2014/](https://portal.muni.org/+CSCO+dh75676763663A2F2F7A626F7679722E7A6861762E626574++/owa/-CSCO-3h--redir.aspx?C=LkoVRE3NQ0uEMRN0PYBsPKE9ASqU99BIbk3Y_aWLwUo9RGcfbBgw5DLiM6i5AbCnmb5gChBAgfk.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.codeforamerica.org%2fcodeacross-2014%2f) for details.
  + The Boardroom – a co-working space – just opened downtown. Is just about at capacity.
  + 49SAF just has made its last round of funding. Its focus has shifted to funding investment funds.
  + There is another hackathon coming up in a couple of months. Details are forthcoming.

**Jim Weller:** Jim proposed to stop this report. We will do an annual curriculum review instead.

**Kenrick Mock:** Kenrick mentioned that this year’s capstone class will do poster presentations and invite people from industry to check out the presentations and do a meet-and-greet with students. This will happen at the end of April or early-May.

There is no news on time to graduation right now. The Department focus has switched to advising. It is now mandatory to have an advisor review a major’s classes before they register.

DJ mentioned that the Alumni Association is starting a mentoring program, which could help with retention.

**Jazon Burnell:** We have a WordPress instance setup. We need to work Joe Nedlund to get branding / template information. Dana to send Joe’s contact information to Jeremiah.

1. New Business

**Jeremiah Dunham:** Kenrick talked about Ngoni Murandu’s interest in joining the Board. Jim proposed that we make him a member, to replace Russell Girten. Jazon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Kenrick Mock:** Department scored in the 90th percentile on a recent assessment of CS students. Department recently updated curriculum objectives and outcomes.

Masters curriculum has been approved by the curriculum committees. Today it is at the faculty senate. The program may not be approved because of the budget climate. After the faculty senate, it goes to the Provost, and then the Board of Regents. We’re getting letters of support for the program from the community. The Department is hiring to replace Jeff Miller’s position. It is also hiring for its EPSCOR position.

**Jeremiah Dunham:** Update on 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 program by the end of 2013. We have one so far.

**Kenrick Mock:** There is a robotics tournament tomorrow in the Student Union.

**Adjournment. 1:15pm**