# Computer Science Advisory Board

# Meeting Minutes

UAA ENGR 315

Friday, April 4, 2014

Board Members:

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| **☒Jeremiah Dunham**  Sr. Consultant, DesignPT  Board Chair | * **Lance Ahern**   CIO, Municipality of Anchorage | **☒ Jazon Burnell**  Game Developer and Co-Founder, Catapult Consulting |
| * **Natalia Gavrish**   Software Developer, PangoMedia | * **Ngoni Murandu**   SVP/CIO, NANA Development Corporation | **☒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 12:07pm**
2. Introductions
3. Approved agenda and meeting minutes.
4. Are there ethical concerns or considerations with regard to the Board members?

* Kenrick will be the Associate Dean starting July 1. Kenrick will still come to these meetings. Frank Moore will probably be coming to these meetings.
* Jeremiah will be leaving the Board.

1. Reports

**Brian Walch:** Brian noted that we don’t have anything for continuing education for Computer Science. This may be an area of opportunity. Another opportunity would be to hold a Code Camp. Brian described the Code Camp format. Kenrick mentioned that there will be Engineering Academy at UAA this summer for 20-30 kids between 6th and 12th grade. There will be a Java course and two robotics courses. Brian to create a proposal for a Code Camp by the next meeting.

Kenrick mentioned that the department could teach short courses for the professional community.

**Kenrick Mock:** The Masters Degree has been submitted to the Dean of Graduate Studies. The curriculum has been approved. It’s just waiting on program approval. Once it is approved, it will go to the Provost. After their review, it would go to the Board of Regents. Board members should plan to attend the Board of Regents meeting when the program comes up from approval, perhaps by phone.

The Department will start offering graduate courses in the fall, under the assumption that the program will be approved.

**Lance Ahern:**

* + Alaska Business Plan Competition is 4/26.
  + Alaska Maker Night 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Next meeting is 4/8.
  + 4/17 is the AK Entrepreneurs group.
  + Code for Anchorage meets regularly.
  + The 4th Hackathon is coming up in May. Probably May 10th weekend.
  + Anchorage Programming group is active at anchorageprogramming.org.
  + Alaska Maker Faire will happen in July.
  + The Loussac Library has turned the 4th floor into an Innovation Lab.
  + A group of professionals are starting conversations with ASD about getting programming curriculum into elementary schools.

**Jim Weller:** Jim is absent.

**Kenrick Mock:** Kenrick suggested that we come up with a new objective or take this item off agenda. The department is monitoring the statistics that it pulled last year to see if the curriculum changes that it’s made are making a difference.

**Jazon Burnell:** We have a WordPress instance setup. We had a volunteer come up with a header design. Jeremiah volunteered to implement the WordPress template. Jazon and Dana will work to get content for the first issue. Dana has the CSE mailing list.

1. New Business

**Minnie Yen:** CIS used to have an advisory board, but it fell off due to lack of board member availability. CIS plans to create a new advisory board, since it has a different curriculum, focus, and issues. Minnie mentioned a security competition recently in which CSE and CIS students worked together. The team took 2nd place in the competition. There is interest in cross-listing security courses from CIS to CSE. Senior project presentations are coming up. There is also a student chapter of AITP that the department supports.

There was some discussion about a professional certificate program in cybersecurity. Brian will take the lead on this and work with Ngoni and Lance on next steps.

**Kenrick Mock:** In-class capstone presentations will happen next week. The presentations for the public will happen in the Parking Garage Spine on Friday, May 2nd between 4pm and 6pm. There will be food and it will be a social event. Kenrick will send some more information out as it becomes available.

**Jeremiah Dunham:** Lance is the new board chair by unanimous consent. Next meeting will happen in August. Lance will send out a Doodle poll for the dates.

**Adjournment. 1:08pm**