

Networking Cybersecurity Curriculum Review
Business and Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRPERSON:			
MEETING DATE: October 17, 2025	MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm	MEETING LOCATION: Innovation Outpost	
RECORDER: Traci Nowell		PREVIOUS MEETING: September 19, 2025	

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Minutes	
Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Old Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of prior curriculum changes and stackable credentials.• Purpose of revising CIS pathways reviewed: creating stackable certificates, dual credit expansion, and clearer paths for students.• Review of Level 1 certificate changes (Computer Networking Essentials → IT Operations / IT Foundations).• Discussion of alignment with CompTIA certifications (A+, Network+, Security+). <p>Action / Vote: No action or vote taken.</p>
Continuing Business:	<p>Dual Credit Offerings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed level 1 offered at AmTech. Change course offerings to Microsoft Office.• Identified logistical issues with dual credit for Business Computer Applications and Principles of IT courses. <p>Action / Vote: No action or vote taken.</p> <p>Certificate Naming & Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First-level certificate: IT Foundations approved as more appropriate than IT Operations.• Second-level certificate: Computer Network Technician identified as preferred name instead of Computer Network Administration.• Third-level certificate: Computer Cybersecurity discussed; no final change to name, but consensus to use one word: Cybersecurity. <p>Action / Vote: No formal vote; recommendations captured for form and curriculum review.</p> <p>Special Topics / Advanced Cloud Replacement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration to replace the Advanced Cloud course with Special Topics for flexibility (AI, projects, industry updates).• Discussion of research component in cloud learning for self-directed exploration. <p>Action / Vote: No action or vote taken; under consideration for next iteration.</p>

	<p>Digital Forensics Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debate on the necessity of two Digital Forensics courses; potential replacement with Incident Response / GRC content.• Emphasis on NIST frameworks and practical cybersecurity foundations for entry-level hireability. <p>Action / Vote: No action or vote taken; replacement course to be determined prior to sending the voting form.</p>
New Business:	<p>Certificate Renaming and Alignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposal to rename <i>Computer Networking Essentials</i> → IT Foundations (originally proposed as IT Operations).• Discussion of renaming <i>Computer Network Administration</i> → Computer Network Technician to better match skill level and industry expectations.• Agreement that <i>Computer Cybersecurity</i> should be updated to Cybersecurity (one word), potentially prefixed with "CIS" for course catalog consistency. <p>Content Additions and Modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestion to replace <i>Digital Forensics Tools</i> course with an Incident Response or GRC (Governance, Risk, and Compliance)-focused course to better align with current industry practices.• Discussion on incorporating more Active Directory, DNS, and Server Operations content into earlier certificates. <p>Industry Partnership Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest in developing stronger relationships with data centers and local employers to align certificate titles and competencies with emerging job markets. <p>Administrative Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perkins grant survey introduced for faculty and employer feedback to guide workforce funding. <p>Action / Vote: No action or vote taken; survey to be distributed with voting form.</p>
Summary of Proposed Changes:	<p>(1) Realign Certificates on Path to AAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AC -awarded certificates will now be awarded after completion of a specific list of 5 courses per certificate- 5-classes (CIS - IT Foundations) + 5 classes (CIS - Network Technician) + 5 classes (CIS - Cybersecurity Technician) + 5 classes (Academic Core) = AAS- Stackable certificates provide clear levels of completion/progress for students, especially as they pursue entry-level employment opportunities- Goal is for students to have the opportunity to complete each certificate in one 16-week semester (Fall or Spring), although students are not required to finish all 5 classes in the same semester

	<p>(2) Level 1 - CIS - IT Operations Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- change name from Computer Networking Essentials to CIS - IT Foundations- move CCNA-2 down from 1st semester to 2nd semester- move BCIS-1305 up from 2nd semester to first semester- add EDUC-1100 to meet financial aid requirements (minimum declared 16 semester credit hours required for eligibility) <p>(3) Level 2 - CIS - Network Technician Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- change name from Computer Network Administration to CIS - Network Technician- move CCNA-2 down from 1st semester to 2nd semester- move BCIS-1305 up from 2nd semester to first semester- ITMT-2305 (Designing and Implementing a Server Infrastructure) replaces CPMT-2349 (Advanced Computer Networking Technology) to more accurately align course content and WECM course description- ITSC-1391 (Special Topics in Computer and Info Sciences) replaces ITNW-2337 (Advanced Cloud Concepts) to provide flexibility in covering current topics such as AI, project management, ITIL 4. Will look to align with available industry certifications. <p>(4) Level 2 - CIS - Cybersecurity Technician Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-- change name from Computer Cyber Security Certificate to CIS - Cybersecurity Technician <p>(5) Prerequisites and Co-Requisites - updated as needed Formal vote to follow.</p>
Curriculum Decisions:	<p>Approved or Consensus Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rename Computer Networking Essentials → IT Foundations.• Rename Computer Network Administration → Computer Network Technician.• Standardize spelling to Cybersecurity (one word) across all curriculum titles.• Change course title CPMT 2349 from <i>Advanced Computer Networking</i> to <i>Designing and Implementing a Server Infrastructure</i> (no content change).• Include EDUC 1100 – Learning Frameworks in the first certificate for financial aid eligibility.• Add Special Topics in Computer and Information Sciences to provide program flexibility for emerging technologies (AI, project management, ITIL, etc.).

	<p>Pending Decisions / Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Final decision on replacing <i>Digital Forensics Tools</i> with a GRC or Incident Response course (researching appropriate WECM course title).Verification of dual credit feasibility for BCIS and CCNA courses with AmTech.Confirmation of whether “IT Foundations” is the preferred title before sending curriculum changes for official vote. <p>Action / Vote: No motions made; formal voting to occur via form following additional review.</p>
Other:	
Adjourn:	4:20pm

Committee Chairperson:	MEETING DATE: 10/17/2025	NEXT MEETING: Spring 2026
Recorder's Signature: <i>Traci Nowell</i>	DATE: 11/06/2025	
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