

## **Computer Information Technology Advisory Committee Minutes Spring 2018**

The Computer Information Technology (CIT) Advisory Committee met spring semester 2018. Dr. Tom Pigg welcomed the Advisory Board members and CIT faculty.

Dr. Pigg lead the meeting with the outline of topics for the Advisory Board Meeting:

- CIT Program Content
- TN Reconnect
- CIT Student Soft Skills
- CISCO Academy
- National Center of Academic Excellence Designation
- Cyber Security Education Consortium – Grant Opportunity

Dr. Pigg gave an update on the three concentrations, Networking, Cyber Defense, and Programming for Jackson State Community College (JSCC). He then discussed a fast-track night program for the three concentrations. This would allow students to take 7-week courses at night to help students in obtaining there AAS CIT Degree faster.

CIT faculty ask the Advisory Board for suggestions on better preparing the CIT students with soft skills. Several Board members gave insight to ways to strengthen those skills.

Lisa Matlock gave an updated on the CISCO Academy, Academic Support Center (ASC) serves 16 to 18 active CISCO Networking academics under Jackson State Community College CISCO ASC. The Instructor Training Center (ITC) is training instructors for CCNA, CCNA Security and IT Essentials (CompTIA A+).

Dr. Pigg discussed the CAE CD 2Y, National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Two-Year Education and the Department of Homeland Security and National Security Agency Designation.

There was an update on the Cyber Security Education Consortium (CSEC). Dr. Pigg talked about a new grant that JSCC may take part in. Current CIT CSEC courses being taught at JSCC are Principles of Information Assurance; Network Security, Digital Forensics, and CCNA Security.

CIT partnerships with business and industry; high schools, Tennessee Technology Centers, community colleges and universities were discussed and approved to continue those relationships.

Dr. Tom Pigg updated the Advisory Board on CIT grant involvements. Women in Cyber Security (WiCyS); CSEC NSF; and Puzzle-Based Learning Grant.

Other topics of interest discussed were preparation for increasing number of CIT majors, and internships.

Meeting adjourned.