Spring 2018 UW Tacoma CTC Meeting Notes

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Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Michael Haensel	Faculty, South SPSCC
Michael A. Wood	Faculty, Green River CC
Jose Suchite	Faculty, Bates Technical College
Samuel T. Scott	Faculty, Pierce College
Donald Chinn	Associate Professor, UW Tacoma
Curtis Black	Advisor, UW Tacoma
David Ross	Advisor, UW Tacoma
Martin Hock	Faculty, Tacoma CC
Amelia Garripoli	Faculty, Olympic College
David Schuessler	Lecturer, UW Tacoma
Chuck Costarella	Lecturer, UW Tacoma
Beth Jeffrey	Advisor, UW Tacoma
Syeda Nizami	Faculty, Highline College
Raghavi Sakpal	Lecturer, UW Tacoma
Troy Hashagan	Faculty, SAMI
Dan Achman	Faculty, Bates Technical College
Menaka Abraham	Senior Lecturer, UW Tacoma

Highlights of the Meeting

- Introductions and updates
- Curtis Black gave us an update on MSCSS and MCSL programs.
- Jose Suchite from Bates provided us an overview of their new Electrical Technician program.
- Menaka talked about what she's been doing this year in her teaching.
- We discussed teaching in hybrid, online and evening sections and looked at 143 finals from Green River, Tacoma CC and UW Tacoma.

- We need to come up with a committee name that represents us as a school and the CTC. Our new name is School of Engineering and Technology. The members were asked to write down their choice of name and a purpose. Here were the entries collected.

  What should be the name of our committee so that it uniquely represents CTC and the Institute of Technology?

  SET-CTC (School of Engineering and Technology and Community and Technical Colleges) committee (3 responses)
  Engineering & Technology Assistance Group
  Computer Science Articulation Committee
  UWT IT CTC
  Community and technical college collaboration for student success in STEM
  UWTCTCTCC (UW Tacoma Community Technical College Teaching Computing and Technology committee)
  Puget Sound community and technical college, school of engineering faculty partnership committee or Puget Sound CTC – UWT SET Partnership

  - What should be the purpose or mission of our committee?

    Share freshman/sophomore preparation techniques and ideas
    Communicate shifts or changes in student population
    To coordinate cs1 & cs2 offerings across all community colleges and UW Tacoma
    Share information to improve our teaching and improve our students' success
    To find way to increase the learning curve
    Updates from different colleges from their CS department
    To foster communication between CTC faculty and UWT faculty in computing fields.
    Improve the teaching of computer classes across all the participating schools, and maintain a common level of work.
    Foster community and collaboration between community colleges and UWT
    To increase awareness of our individual programs and discuss ways to help students succeed in STEM majors.
    Sharing and aligning the teaching of CS and related disciplines across local community and technical colleges.
    A standing committee of CTC & SET faculty and advisors meet quarterly to discuss teaching and student populations in STEM majors. The goal is to ensure curriculum quality across campuses and facilitate the smooth transfer of students.
    To communicate, collaborate and grow as a community of educators serving the South Sound area in the areas of Computer Science, Engineering and Technology.
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- We figured out topics that we would like to focus on next year.
  - Cheating
  - Retention
  - Problem solving techniques for students
  - Course II – Is the point Java or CS?
  - What are the most important topics in 142 & 143
  - Accessibility
  - Vote on a name and purpose based on the above entries.