CTC Spring'21 Meeting Notes

Date: May 14th

Name & Affiliation of the Attendees:

Michael Wood	Green River
Menaka Abraham	UWT
David Schuessler	UWT
Sharon Huitsing	Pierce College
Michael Haensel	SPCC
Tom Capaul	UWT
Martin Hock	Tacoma CC
Heavenly Cole	Lincoln HS
Olga Shatunova	UWT
Zhiquan Shu	UWT
Beth Jeffery	UWT
Donald Chinn	UWT
Chris Marriott	UWT
Kivanc Dincer	UWT
Raghavi Sakpal	UWT

Meeting Notes:
- Introduction & Updates:
  - Megan: The UW Tacoma School of Engineering & Technology is hosting our last undergrad engineering majors info session for this academic year on May 18 from noon-1pm. The autumn quarter applications are still open, and students who will finish the prerequisites this summer are eligible to apply. The applications for autumn admission to our Computer Science & Systems and Information Technology majors are also open with a July 1 deadline. Students who will finish the prerequisites by the end of spring quarter are eligible to apply.
  - Martin Hock: BAS degree at TacomaCC
    Link: https://www.tacomacc.edu/academics-programs/programs/itn-ist/
  - Tom Capaul: Inter-collegiate Programming Contest updates.

- Women in Engineering Share-out: Heavenly Cole
  - UW Event: Links
    - https://www.engr.washington.edu/current/studentprogs/wiseconf
    - https://www.engr.washington.edu/news/trend/autumn-2012/wise-student-experience
  - Suggestions or if CTC happens to know of an equivalent event. We are looking for
    - Women from industry as speakers.
    - Conference on a Saturday.
    - Free or minimal cost
  - Discussion:

- Some of the discussion included holding a student-lead event for school and colleges in the Greater Tacoma Area.
- Megan suggested joining forces with one of the following events:
  - Pierce County Library puts on a Makerfest/STEAM fair for the community (typically held in November): https://stem.pcls.us/makerfest/.
  - TEALS hosts a CS fair for students participating in their classes at high schools across mainly WA and OR. https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/ms-teals/computer-science-fairs?activetab=pivot-1%3aprimaryr2.
  - CSEdWeek or Hour of Code activities? This year that's the week of December 6: https://www.csedweek.org/.

- Reflections on Teaching Practices: Discussion on our teaching practices for the AY 2020-21 in an online setting. Discussion was based on:
  - Instructional method used in the AY
  - Tools used for content delivery, collaboration, active learning, etc.
  - Active-learning strategies.
  - Assessment & Feedback strategies.
  - Challenges faced in the AY.
  - Positive takeaways from the year.

- Labor-based Assessment: Dr. Chris Marriott gave a presentation on labor-based grading he uses in his TCSS 343: Algorithms course. He shared his grading contract, course structure, own experiences with this grading methodology and shared some student feedback at the meeting. To read more about labor-based grading, please refer to the following book: https://wac.colostate.edu/books/perspectives/labor/

- Meeting Adjourned !