

Executive Advisory Board on Curriculum (EABC)

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

7:15 a. m.-8:45 a.m.

Room 2-260Z

Attendees:

Carl Adams, IDSc

Mark Baltes, Securian

Ravi Bapna, IDSc

Chris Bretoi, 3M

Valerie Green, Andersen Corporation

Alok Gupta, IDSc

Vandy Johnson, Medtronic

Doug Kampe, IBM

Mike Kirst, General Mills

Mike McFarlane, Cargill

Tim Olson, IDSc

Paul Taylor, MN IT Workforce Collaborative

Ching Ren, IDSc

Kate Siegrist, KPMG

Mary Texer

Steve Wu, Small World Solutions

1) High School Outreach Update

- a. Minnesota IT Workforce Collaboration is partnering with EABC, GENERAL Mills to help spread the message on IT Careers
- b. Contact Grant Ecker – General Mills or Paul Taylor Workforce team if you want your organization to work with one or more high schools. They will train us and give presentation materials
 - i. Grant.Ecker@genmills.com
 - ii. ptaylor@mastersalliance.com

2) Masters Program status

- a. Alok is pulling together Pro Forma cost estimates
- b. Looking to get approval from Dean to take this to next step

- c. Will be wanting a few from EABC to act on advisory board

3) Social networking site

- a. Alok and Tim are looking to staff a student position to make this site operational and ensure it stays fresh.
- b. Doug and Tim will work together to fill this position
- c. EABC will be an advisory and sounding board for this role

4) Upcoming student events this year

- a. Tim announced that the IDSc will have a career fair for Freshman and Sophomores like they did last year. This is not a job fair but a marketing opportunity for types of jobs and careers in MIS.
- b. Companies interested should contact Tim if they want to participate
- c. IDSc would like to participate in the international college bowls in Singapore and Vancouver. Companies interested in helping sponsor with panel members and funding see Tim

5) Key Focus areas this year for committee

- a. Brainstormed some ideas on what EABC should focus on this school year
- b. IDEAS:
 - i. Participate in Masters Task force advisory
 - ii. Help program define their curriculum in more plain speak, or outcome based deliverables, interdisciplinary program
 - iii. Talk with recent grads to understand now that they are out what would have been helpful to improve program

- iv. Understand programs strategic direction and where the gaps are so EABC can assist closing them

6) NEXT MEETING

- a. Date: late Oct. – Donna to schedule
- b. Agenda
 - i. Master Program Update
 - ii. Progress on filling Social networking site position
 - iii. High School outreach training outcomes
 - iv. Information on how program has improved
 - 1. Enrollment numbers
 - 2. Successes
 - 3. Opportunities