DoD: Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP)

Meeting’s Agenda on February 1, 2022

Minutes Approval

- Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held Nov. 15, 2021.

Announcements:

- As announced during our last meeting and as a reminder, a new proposal for the 2022-23 CySP was release and all of you were notified back in November 2021.
- Thanks to those of you who helped recruiting promising candidates to the IUP CySP.
- Three applications for renewal have already been submitted to me before the Feb. 1st deadline by: Maria, Zaryn, and Zachary.
- Dr. Farag submitted scholarship tuition waiver forms for all eight students to the Bursar’s Office the day after the add/drop period ended, see discussion below. Credits should be reflected on your Easy Pay accounts once these forms are processed.
- You should be able to use the created IUP bookstore accounts at the Co-op for Spring 2022 required textbooks up to your $625 allowance.
- The PI has used the Next Gen System (IUP scholarship management system) to assign a $12,500 stipend to each one of you in Spring 2022. Please confirm the receipt of your spring stipend.

Discussions:

- Dr. Ezekiel, any updates from the Department chair after you contacted him regarding providing recognition of the CySP recipients as per Jacob’s suggestion.
- Based on the approved minutes of last meeting and IUP registration records the following is a list of credits you are taking this semester (all of you are taking 12 credits except Maria: 15 credits, Zachary: 16 credits, and Neil: 9 credits). Please ALL confirm.
- For returning students, any question regarding your returning applications??
- Letters of support for returning students need to come directly from Dr. Farag, the program director, and will be appended to the submitted applications.
- Updates on participation in the Cybersecurity club and other Cybersecurity related activities.
- Cybersecurity portfolio: Deadline to email your updated file is Feb. 28, 2022.
- Forming our Cyber Team to participate in the spring 2022 CAE NE Hackathon. Site, https://www.ncaecybergames.org/students/. We need CySP students to take the lead on this effort as has been the case in the past. Please coordinate with Franklin May, CS Club president, and keep Dr. Farag posted.
**Students’ Responsibilities:**

- As a kind reminder, all student awardees need to maintain their eligibility throughout the AY 2021-22 including GPA, on-time graduation, not receiving other scholarships in excess of $6,000, etc. Check the project website at [www.iup.edu/DoDScholarship](http://www.iup.edu/DoDScholarship) for a complete list of eligibility criteria.

- Awardees are also reminded that they need to abide with all project requirements including attending all monthly meetings, respond promptly to all emails, promote the scholarship and cybersecurity programs in our Department, participate in extracurricular activities such as Cyber Security Club and cybersecurity events, update the PI and Co-PI with grades, progress, and any outstanding issues, work with the project PIs on the assigned research project and produce a technical report, and maintain an up-to-date portfolio of cybersecurity-related activities.

**Students’ Reports:**

- Any outstanding issues that might affect your academic performance or graduation plans. Also, please report on your portfolio and contributions to the program.

**Next Meeting: March 1, 2022 at 11:30 AM, all confirm availability**

**Questions??**