DoD: Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP)

Meeting's Agenda on January 20, 2023

Minutes Approval

- Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held Nov. 9, 2022.

Announcements:

- As announced during our last meeting and as a reminder, a new proposal for the 2023-24 CySP was release and all of you were notified back in November 2022.

- Thanks to those of you who helped recruiting promising candidates to the IUP CySP.

- **Five applications for renewal need to be submitted via AVUE tool by Feb. 1st deadline. The grant PI has sent the following info by email on Jan. 10 to all returning students:**

  - Part of your application is a required Letter of Support (LoS) that will be written by me. *So, please email me ASAP your updated resume so I can complete this letter*.
  - I will email you the signed LoS by the end of this month.
  - Please remember that the deadline is Feb. 1.
  - *You will be using the same tool you used last year, make sure you have access to it and start your application ASAP.*
  - Complete info and instructions on how to apply can be found on our project website at www.iup.edu/DoDScholarship

- **The other SIX graduating students, please confirm that ALL your graduation requirements will be fulfilled this semester and you will be able to graduate this May.**

- Dr. Farag will submit scholarship tuition waiver forms for all students to the Bursar's Office the day after the add/drop period ends, 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 2023 required textbooks up to your $625 allowance.

- The PI has used the Next Gen System (IUP scholarship management system) to assign a $13,500 stipend to each one of you in Spring 2023. Please confirm the receipt of your spring stipend.

- Next meeting, we will discuss options for using any leftover money in your book allowance.

Discussions:

- Based on the approved minutes of last meeting the following is a list of credits you are taking this semester: Alec 16, Meghan 13, Maria 13, Ethan 9 trying for 12, Zach 12, Jordan 19, Ben 13, Malcom 13, James 12 trying 15, Vincent 15, Zaryn 4. **Please ALL confirm.**

- For returning students, any questions regarding your returning applications??
- Letters of support for returning students will come from Dr. Farag, the program director, and will be emailed to each student before the application deadline.
- Updates on participation in the Cybersecurity club and other Cybersecurity related activities.
- Forming our Cyber Team to participate in the spring 2023 CAE NE Hackathon. Site, https://www.ncaecybergames.org/. We need CySP students to take the lead on this effort as has been the case in the past. Please coordinate with Malcolm, CS Club president, and keep Dr. Farag posted.
- I have discussions with IUP Financial Aid and input form the CySP PM regarding eligibility to receive other FA in addition to your CySP financial package. IUP FA has ruled that because of the CySP financial package far exceeds IUP Cost of Attendance (COA), IUP CySP students are NOT eligible to receive any additional FA. **Any questions regarding this??**

Students' Responsibilities:

- As a kind reminder, all student awardees need to maintain their eligibility throughout the AY 2022-23 including GPA, on-time graduation, etc. Check the project website at 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 across IUP, 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 2, 2023 at 3:30 PM, all confirm availability

Questions??