DOD Cybersecurity Service Academy (CSA) Scholarship Meeting

CSA Minutes 1/27/2025

Meeting Start 11:26AM

Minutes for November 26th approved by Thomas McGillan and Seconded by Jared Giesen

All members were present except:

Noah O.

Announcements

1. All six CSA returning students (students returning to IUP in the following AY) confirmed they will submit renewal applications via AVUE tool by the Feb 1st deadline.
    a. A LoS will be supplied by our PI (Dr. Farag) to assist in the process
        i. Students were advised to provide an updated resume and correspond with Dr. Farag regarding this
2. The remaining 7 graduating students confirmed graduation requirements will be completed this semester
    a. All graduating students in attendance confirmed that they have the required credits, and all other requirements needed to **graduate on time in May 2025**.
3. Students in attendance stated their confirmed credits for the semester
    a. *Thomas – 11 Credits*
    b. *Evan – 6 credits*
    c. *Jared – 9 credits*
    d. *Logan – 6 credits*
    e. *Dylan – 12 credits*
    f. *Carina – 13 credits*
    g. *Julia – 14 credits*
    h. *Nick – 14 credits*
    i. *Noah G – 14 credits*
    j. *Shari – 17 credits*
    k. *Allison - 16 credits*
    l. *James – 12 credits*

Regarding the Scholarship

1. Money has been deposited for the stipend into students' IUP easypay accounts and will be distributed following the add drop period
   a. Students confirmed that they have all received their stipend into their IUP easypay accounts
2. Students have been made aware that they are able to use money from the scholarship that was allocated for books at the Co-op store in the same manner they did in the previous semester.
3. Regarding participation in Cybersecurity activities during the semester
   a. The cybersecurity team has confirmed that they have one full team, and many students present at the meeting are actively involved in club activities
   b. Students should make time to actively participate in the program and promote cybersecurity across campus during the semester
4. Regarding the cybersecurity portfolio
   a. 5/13 students submitted a portfolio
   b. Students who have not submitted a portfolio should do so as soon as possible to Dr. Farag (No later than Feb 7, 2025)
5. Students were made aware that Student performance is evaluated every year regarding each individual CSA student by the PI, measuring the contribution to the program each year.
6. **Students who received a communication from AVUE must return a response either reapplying for another year, or responding that they will not need further support in the coming academic year if they are graduating and will no longer need funding**

Next CSA meeting at the end of February or beginning of March 2025 during the common hour. Students should expect an email from Dr. Farag regarding the specific date & time

Respectfully submitted by Evan Crooks and Dr. Waleed Farag on 1/27/2025